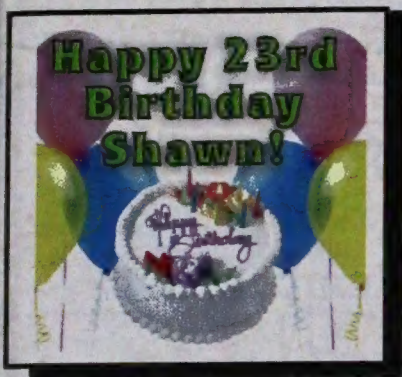




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Breanna Stephenson pictured at Sick Kids in Toronto.

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

A Minden family is putting out a plea for help.

It was over a month-and-a-half ago, on the night of Saturday, Jan. 3, that six-year old Breanna Stephenson was at a family friend's house along with her sister Larissa (11) and twin brother Bennett (6). It was a friendly visit the kids often made, but on this night, a disaster was waiting to happen.

In an interview with The Voice, Lisa Stephenson, Breanna's mom, vividly recalled the chain of events that took place during that ill-fated evening in Minden.

"When I left from dropping the kids off, it was within two minutes after I got home that I received a phone message from my friend who said: 'You need to get Breanna to the hospital.'"

According to Stephenson's account, the owners' Great Dane had bitten into Breanna's face, leaving her with a 7-centimetre long laceration that stretched from her forehead to underneath her eye. Her sister and brother were in the home at the time of the accident. During the time that Larissa tried to keep Breanna calm and applied a cloth to her face to control the bleeding, one of the urgent messages left by the dog owner was retrieved. Tanner Warburton, Breanna's 17-year old cousin, was in the room when the message was discovered and decided to act. Without hesitation, he immediately got in his mother's vehicle and drove to the scene to round up his cousins.

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Highlands East Appoints Medical Centre Advisory Committee

"Do you or don't you want this Committee?" (Kathy Rogers)

Getting things back on track is proving more difficult than anticipated for the Highlands East Council, after derailing their relationship with the Haliburton Family Medical Centre last fall. Despite reversing their decision to close the Wilberforce Medical Centre and assurances by Reeve Dave Burton that Council would do everything in its power to guarantee continued service to local residents, it appears that some much needed community support may be needed to resolve this touchy situation.

Kathy Rogers and Pat Simiana, who led the delegation of angry residents that was instrumental in Council changing their position on the Medical Centre, approached Council at their meeting this month (with a few less people in tow this time) to offer their help to Council once again. Rogers asked Council to allow them to establish an advisory committee, to be called the Wilberforce Medical Centre Advisory Committee.

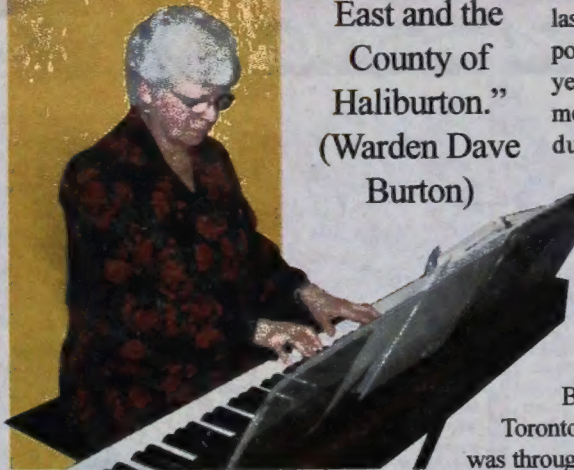
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Highland Storm PeeWee A's Roar into the All Ontario Semi Final



Storm forwards Tyler Barry and Curtis Ballantyne charge to the net.

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County Mourns the Loss of Keith Tallman

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"It is a sad day for the people of Highlands East and the County of Haliburton."
(Warden Dave Burton)

Residents in Wilberforce and across the County are mourning the loss of Keith Tallman, who passed away last weekend after an extended illness. Tallman held the position of Reeve in Highlands East for well over 30 years and will always be remembered for his commitment to his community and his many accomplishments during that time.

Highlands East Reeve and County Warden Dave Burton said, "It is a sad day for the people of Highlands East and the County of Haliburton. Keith did so much for the community over the years in his capacity as both Deputy Reeve and Reeve. He was very loyal to his position on Council and committed to the people in our area."

Burton, who cut short his attendance at a conference in Toronto to attend the funeral, recalled that, just for a start, it was through Tallman's leadership in the community that ensured the construction of a new

arena, the Lloyd Watson Community Centre and the development of the Mapleview building as a seniors and social housing residence.

"On behalf of both the County Council and the Highlands East Council and staff I would like to offer our sympathy to his family," Burton said.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey worked closely with Tallman throughout the years and said that they both entered municipal politics at about the same time. "I think Keith was first elected to the Monmouth Council in 1971. He became Deputy Reeve in 1973 and we both joined County



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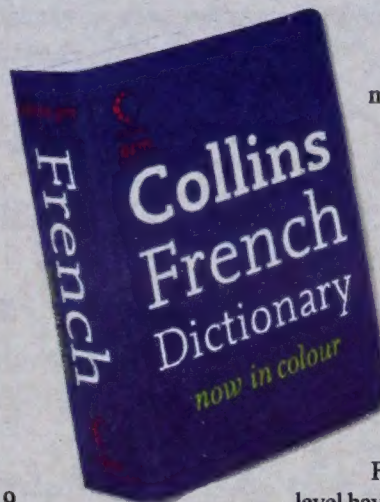
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Announcement Made for Haliburton High School Extended French Program Will Be Implemented in September 09'



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will receive more French immersion courses in the new school year.

That announcement was made to The Voice on Tuesday by Nancy Ballantyne, Chair of the Haliburton chapter of Canadian Parents for French (CPF).

"After five years of hard work it's finally happening," said Ballantyne.

In recent meetings with Bruce Barrett, Superintendent of Secondary School Improvement and Student Success, Ballantyne and other members of the CPF had constructive conversations on how to implement a program at the high school that would allow students to receive an extended French certificate by the time they graduate.

For years, French has been a credit that students at the Grade 9 level have been required to earn in order to graduate. Those interested

in continuing to study French up to the twelfth grade have been able to do so, giving them up to seven French credits.

To receive the recognition of having an extended French certificate, students need to earn seven credits taught in French. The aim of the extended French program is to develop students' ability to communicate fluently and correctly in oral and written French.

Ballantyne says that having the certificate also opens up more doors for students in their future endeavours.

"It looks great on a resume and it also allows them to broaden their choices, especially for jobs and their options available at post secondary schools," she said.

Come September of 2009, students will be able to study the following courses in French in addition to the current mandatory Grade Nine class: geography, history and careers and civics. Upon successful completion on their courses, students will have earned their extended French certificate.

Ballantyne urges parents and their kids to get "hyped up" about this "great opportunity" that is coming to the school.

More information will be made available to families in the near future when letters are distributed to households in the County.

At the national level, the CPF was founded in 1977 by a group of parents. With chapters across the Province, CPF aims to carry out activities that support opportunities for French as a Second Language learning both inside and outside out of the classroom at all schools. Those who carry out objectives of the CPF are volunteers, many of whom are parents. ■

Keith Tallman Will Be Remembered

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Reeve Tallman's last County Council:

Left rear: Keith Tallman, Highlands East Deputy Reeve Bill Howe, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison and Deputy Reeve Tom Gardiner, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey
Left front Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Ross Rigney and Reeve Jim McMahon, Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis

Council at that time. Keith served continuously right through until the last election in 2006."

Fearrey said, "He always served as either Deputy Reeve or Reeve after his first term on Council and he never missed a beat. He achieved a lot for the community and served on the Health Services Board at the County level for at least 20 years."

Fearrey remembers Tallman as a quiet individual, who knew his community extremely well and was very involved. "When he made comments they came straight from the heart. He was an extremely dedicated man who would go through all kinds of weather to attend meetings and take care of business."

"He was very supportive of his people and was an excellent county player as well."

Tallman, aged 76 had been ill for some time and was hospitalized, but was finally allowed to return home last Tuesday. Sadly, he had to be taken back to the hospital by ambulance on Friday night, where he died on Sunday.

Tallman's loss, while mourned by many in the County will be felt most by his wife Sylvia, daughters Judy and Gail and sons Robert and Phillip, along with their extended families. ■

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Cloudy with a chance of afternoon snow showers

▲ 2° ▼ -5°

FRIDAY



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▲ -4° ▼ -8°

SATURDAY



Increasing afternoon clouds

▲ -4° ▼ -14°

SUNDAY



Mostly sunny and chilly

▲ -6° ▼ -13°

MONDAY



Increasing afternoon clouds

▲ -4° ▼ -12°

TUESDAY



Chance of afternoon snow showers

▲ -1° ▼ -10°

WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy and pleasant

▲ 0° ▼ -8°

AROUND THE REGION: Moisture streaming into the region Thursday will produce a chance of afternoon and evening snow showers. Highs will be in the lower single digits. Colder weather will be likely on Friday and right through the weekend. It will be dry with highs in the single digits below zero. Our next chance for snow will hold off until Tuesday.

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Antigua	28/23/pc	28/23/pc	28/23/cl	Nassau	25/21/pc	25/21/su	24/21/su
Barbados	29/25/pc	28/25/pc	29/25/cl	Port au Prince	29/23/ht	30/23/ht	30/23/ht
Bermuda	18/14/ht	19/17/ht	24/18/su	Puerto Vallarta	31/15/su	32/14/su	35/16/su
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Georgetown	30/22/pc	29/22/pc	29/23/dz	San Juan	28/25/pc	28/24/pc	28/24/su
Havana	25/17/pc	27/18/su	26/16/su	San Salvador	31/21/cl	31/21/pc	33/22/pc
Key West	23/18/pc	24/19/pc	25/20/pc	Santo Domingo	30/23/pc	29/22/ht	29/23/dz
Kingston	29/23/ht	29/28/pc	30/28/su	Trinidad	31/25/pc	31/26/pc	31/26/dz

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	2/-6/sn	-4/-9/pc	-4/-14/pc	-7/-13/su	-4/-12/pc	-1/-9/sn	-1/-8/pc
Barrie	2/-4/sn	-2/-7/pc	-4/-13/pc	-6/-12/su	-3/-11/pc	1/-9/sn	1/-7/pc
Dorset	1/-6/sn	-4/-9/pc	-4/-14/pc	-7/-13/su	-4/-12/pc	-1/-10/sn	-1/-8/pc
Haliburton	2/-5/sn	-4/-8/pc	-4/-14/pc	-6/-13/su	-4/-12/pc	-1/-10/sn	0/-8/pc
Huntsville	1/-6/sn	-4/-9/pc	-4/-14/pc	-7/-13/su	-4/-12/pc	-1/-10/sn	-1/-8/pc
Kingston	3/-3/sn	-1/-6/pc	-2/-12/pc	-4/-11/su	-2/-11/pc	1/-8/mx	1/-7/pc
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Minden	2/-5/sn	-4/-8/pc	-4/-14/pc	-6/-13/su	-4/-12/pc	-1/-10/sn	0/-8/pc
Oshawa	3/-2/sn	-1/-6/pc	-2/-12/pc	-4/-11/su	-2/-11/pc	2/-8/mx	1/-7/pc
Ottawa	1/-3/sf	0/-6/pc	-6/-13/pc	-6/-14/pc	-4/-13/pc	-4/-12/cl	-3/-9/sf
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Calgary	-8/-9/su	-2/-10/cl	0/-13/su	-2/-9/sn	2/-9/sn	0/-9/cl	-2/-13/sf
Edmonton	-15/-21/su	-12/-24/su	-4/-17/sf	-4/-21/cl	-7/-9/sn	-8/-12/sn	-8/-16/sf
Fredericton	2/-4/sf	7/-4/sh	-2/-8/pc	-2/-11/pc	-3/-12/pc	-4/-11/cl	-4/-11/sn
Halifax	2/-3/sf	6/0/sh	3/2/sf	1/-2/pc	-3/-7/su	-1/-3/pc	1/-1/pc
Montreal	3/1/sf	2/-4/pc	-7/-15/pc	-6/-13/pc	-3/-12/pc	-4/-11/cl	-4/-9/sf
Regina	-20/-25/su	-11/-27/sf	-12/-32/su	-4/-15/sn	-7/-11/sn	-7/-12/sn	-8/-13/sf
St. John's	-3/-6/pc	1/0/cl	5/2/ra	6/4/ra	1/1/su	3/0/pc	2/-1/cl
Saskatoon	-19/-24/pc	-14/-27/su	-8/-31/pc	-7/-13/cl	-8/-14/sf	-9/-13/sn	-8/-12/sf
Vancouver	7/4/sh	8/2/sh	9/3/pc	9/3/sh	10/5/sh	8/4/sh	7/2/mx
Whitehorse	-9/-14/su	-9/-15/sf	-13/-36/sf	-11/-22/sf	-15/-20/sf	-17/-23/sn	-18/-26/cl
Winnipeg	-20/-26/pc	-16/-34/sf	-15/-23/pc	-5/-23/sf	-8/-13/sf	-7/-18/sn	-8/-16/sn

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Friday 2/20	-6°C	-15°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 2/19	-1°C	-14°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 2/18	-1°C	-6°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 2/17	-1°C	-16°C	0.0 mm

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Sat.	6:53 a.m./6:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m./10:29 p.m.
Sun.	6:52 a.m./6:02 p.m.	8:26 a.m./11:44 p.m.
Mon.	6:50 a.m./6:03 p.m.	8:57 a.m./none
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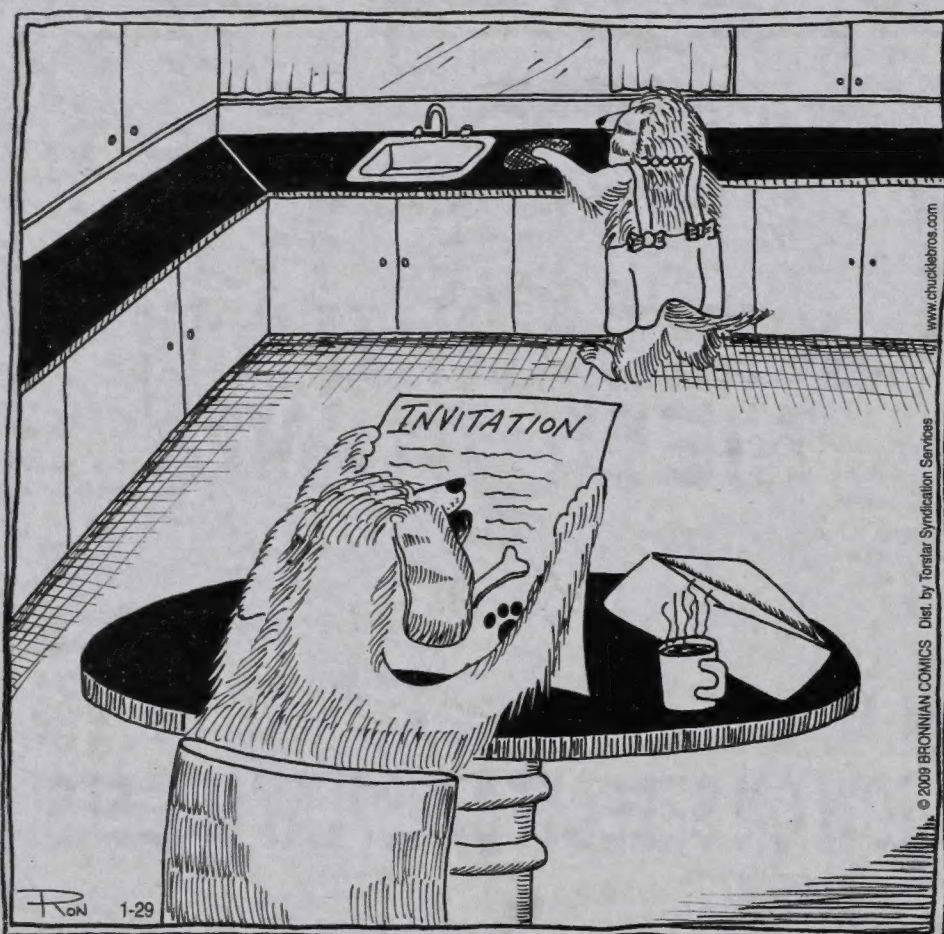


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"Oh, oh, Ralph's party is on our anniversary. I guess we'll have to bow-wow out of it."

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"Highlands East Council is about a decade behind the times."

Recently Highland's East Council had some discussion about turning our community centres into emergency centres, should some kind of disaster strike.

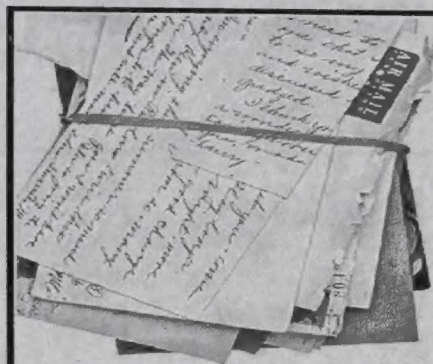
I wonder has Council ever taken time to examine the emergency equipment installed in the Ward 4 Community Centre? A generator, propane stove, a fully equipped kitchen and most anything that would be needed to provide shelter for our citizens should any type of problem situation arise!

We also have a generator at our post office building as a secondary shelter location if needed. These facilities are located in Gooderham.

About 10 years ago before amalgamation, the Glamorgan Reeve of-the-day Elva Bates brought this suggestion to council of-the-day and got Council's full support.

Subsequently Council proceeded with the aforementioned emergency action. Highlands East Council is about a decade behind the times; however it is still an excellent idea. Let's hope prompt action will take precedence over procrastination.

Chuck Viner
Gooderham



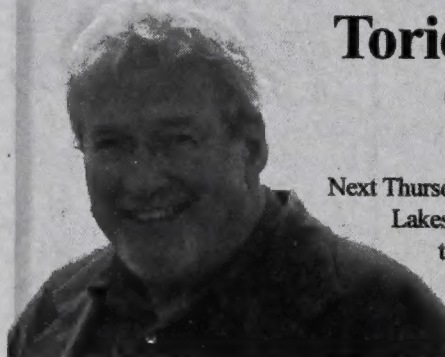
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick



Tories, Tory, and Old Tory Friends

Next Thursday the loyal citizens of Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock go to the polls to elect a successor to Conservative Laurie Scott, who's been our Queens Park representative for the past six years. Ms. Scott relinquished her seat to make way for her party leader, John Tory, who was defeated in Don Mills in the 2007 general election. There are no shortages of issues in the

riding – health care, highways, and of course the economy – but at times it's seemed the only real issue has been the fact that John Tory wasn't born here, has never lived here, and has no plans to do so in the future.

There is a long tradition of party leaders finding safe havens in ridings they are not native to. For example, Liberal Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, a Torontonian born and bred, represented the riding of Algoma East in Ontario's far north for his entire 20 year parliamentary career, and yes, was first elected in a by-election. Pierre Trudeau never lived in Mount Royal in Montreal: Bob Rae has never called either Rosedale or Riverdale home in Toronto; Michael Ignatieff may have never set foot in Etobicoke before his election there. John Tory last hung his parliamentary hat in Caledon, but never lived there. Still, in this riding, with its long history of distinguished and effective local candidates, many of whom have been native Haliburtonians as well, the issue of localness simply won't go away. No matter that a party leader in Queen's Park could clearly be a very effective voice for the riding: it's the idea that we're somehow expected to be a convenient vehicle for a political agenda that has nothing specifically to do with us. In other words, that our vote has to do with one party's, and one leader's career plans. Many of us still believe that our vote is precious, that it is on occasion our only means, individually and collectively, by which we can directly affect those who hold so much power, and that it must reflect where and how we live. None of this is meant as a comment on John Tory, the person. In fact it's almost impossible to find anyone in politics, in any party, who doesn't regard him with respect, and even affection. But the question lingers: should we really use that precious vote in order to support one party's political process, and its internal agenda?

A Shooting Star Heads for the Heavens

Scott Symons, writer, journalist, and arts curator, died this week in Toronto at age 75. He was for the past 45 years a close, if dangerous friend, a co-worker, and an occasional combatant. He had a passionate love for this country's English Canadian and Tory past, and an unmitigated contempt for most of his well-heeled Rosedale contemporaries, the "Blandmen" of English Canada, as he called them. After a meteoric career in his 20s as Curator of Canadiana at the Royal Ontario Museum, as an award winning journalist writing (in French) for La Presse, married, with an infant son, he burst out of the closet with his electrifying and outrageous journal/novel of homoerotic desire and love, Place d'Armes, published in 1967. Reviews were swift, and in the main, cruel: "this monster from Toronto" shouted a shaken Robert Fulford in the staid Toronto Star. And certainly, Symons could be a very difficult friend. I interviewed him in 1967 for CBC's Sunday show, where he offered the following take on federal politics: "I realized we had a serious problem of national sexual identity when it became obvious that the only minister in Lester Pearson's cabinet with any cojones was Judy LaMarsh." Astonishingly, for the times, the line actually made it to air.

The Voice will publish a full obituary of this complex and complicating Canadian in a future issue.

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"Let's show the politicians in this by-election we are not going to take this anymore."

When I moved to the Haliburton Highlands in the Fall of 2006 I had fulfilled my lifelong dream of moving to a beautiful place in nature and able to create art. This dream soon turned to a nightmare when I began to see that democracy is an illusion and that people I don't know are creating a toxic world that I would never choose for myself.

The first disappointment was the asphalt plant. People here spoke from their hearts and souls - the asphalt plant was approved. Again the same story with the Stanhope Airport - 4.5 million dollars to build an airport the community does not need or want and has serious environmental impact. The same politicians would not approve \$3000.00 to keep the Oxtongue community centre open. Our schools, community centers and medical clinics are being closed, so who is going to live here and move here and use the new 4.5 million dollar airport?

Then the junior mining companies came to town and told us they are drilling for uranium, the most toxic substance on the planet and despite passionate public protest the drilling for uranium took place. There was nothing we could do to stop it. Many wells in our area are contaminated with uranium. Is it natural or is it due to all the drilling and mining for uranium in the area? We will probably never know the truth. So where is democracy in this picture?

At the All Candidates meeting John Tory told us we need nuclear reactors - this technology is contaminating our water, air and land - tritium one of the hundreds of toxic waste products from nuclear energy is being dumped into the Ottawa River and leaked into the Great Lakes. Tritium is radioactive hydrogen - it cannot be separated from the water. Tritium is being found in breast milk. It does not take a PhD in nuclear science to figure out the health impacts of radioactive tritium in breast milk yet we are being told by our government it is safe. Why does Ontario need nuclear energy when we could easily use wind, solar and geothermal technology to power our cities?

British Columbia does not have nuclear reactors - why do we need them and B.C. does not. In fact our community has a hydro electric plant on the same site that Bancroft Uranium drilled for uranium that could provide power for all of us but they have to sell to Hydro One.

Let's connect the dots here. What wins every time - big business and big money at our expense? Asphalt plants, airports, uranium mines, nuclear reactors - millions to billions of dollars. Community centers, schools, health clinics, art studios, community farms - thousands of dollars. Our quality of life - our health and the beauty of our environment is being sold to the highest bidder.

Let's show the politicians in this by-election we are not going to take this anymore. Our lives and our homes matter. I for one am going to let every politician know the truth that the decisions they are making for us are harming us. Its time for politicians to remember what are our most important assets - families and friends, clean air, clean water, nutritious food and the freedom to create a life that is healthy and artful.

Darlene Buckingham
Tory Hill

Letters to the Editor are always welcome.
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Say you saw it in the Voice

Dear Editor:

"Many people are upset at how this by-election came to be..."

Last week's all-candidates meeting made it clear to me that only John Tory has the experience and influence to effectively represent Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock on March 5th.

Many people are upset at how this by-election came to be but voting to "punish" the PC's isn't going to help this riding get its issues on the front burner at Queen's Park.

There are only two ridings in the Province that are represented by the Leader of the Opposition and the Premier. Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock has an opportunity to be one of them on March 5th.

Barbara Reid
Gull Lake

Dear Editor:

"John may not be 'local' but ... he has the political experience..."

I attended the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock all-candidates meeting last night and am going to support John Tory. John does not have all the answers but his depth of knowledge, years of experience and realism were very apparent. I believe he is committed to this riding and will be a stronger provincial representative than the other candidates.

John may not be "local" but I believe our riding will be better served by someone who will be the Leader of the Opposition and potentially the Premier of Ontario. He has the political experience, influence and network to address the many issues with which we are struggling, and to put us on the map.

Larry Clarke
Haliburton

Dear Editor:

"We wish you continued success..."

In appreciation for the past "Free" delivery of the "County Voice" we wish to thank you for the excellent publications to date.

The most recent coverage of the controversial Minden Hills budget by reporter Liz Daniels serves as an example how "delivering the facts" will win the loyalty for paying subscribers.

We wish you continued success in what has become a fine newspaper.

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Dear Editor:

"I don't like Mr. Tory's dirty politics."

Healthcare is one of the highest priorities for many people in this community. Many of us have aging parents that need increased levels of care. Many areas are facing doctor shortages.

John Tory, who is new to this riding seems to have seized on healthcare as a top issue and has promised to fight for an MRI machine at Ross Memorial Hospital. He went a step further when he bluntly denounced a recent report that called for the closure of the obstetrics bed at HHHS. After attending the debate here on Feb.18/09, it appears that these positions are to simply grab headlines and little more than empty words.

Mr. Tory's sudden championing of health care seems to be an effort to manipulate the facts about HHHS and distract from his own slash and burn policies regarding health care. It was not too long ago that Mr. Tory's party proudly presented a campaign platform that called for \$3 billion in cuts to healthcare, believing that hospitals should do more with less.

I don't claim to be a mathematician, but when an aging population is combined with \$3 billion in cuts that would surely result in fewer doctors, nurses and technology investment, there is no way to maintain and expand services and invest in the technologies this riding so desperately needs.

He is also either devious or dumb about Family Health Teams that provide a range of clinical services to patients ranging from doctors, to nurse practitioners, to dieticians, and many others. He stated that Family Health Networks are the same and have been around for decades. This is patently not true. The latter are entirely physician focused and generally do not include allied health professionals and, therefore do not provide the comprehensive service or the level of access to primary healthcare. Family Health Teams have been created here and else where throughout this province only by this Liberal government.

I don't follow his math and I don't like Mr. Tory's dirty politics.

Brad Colpitts
Haliburton
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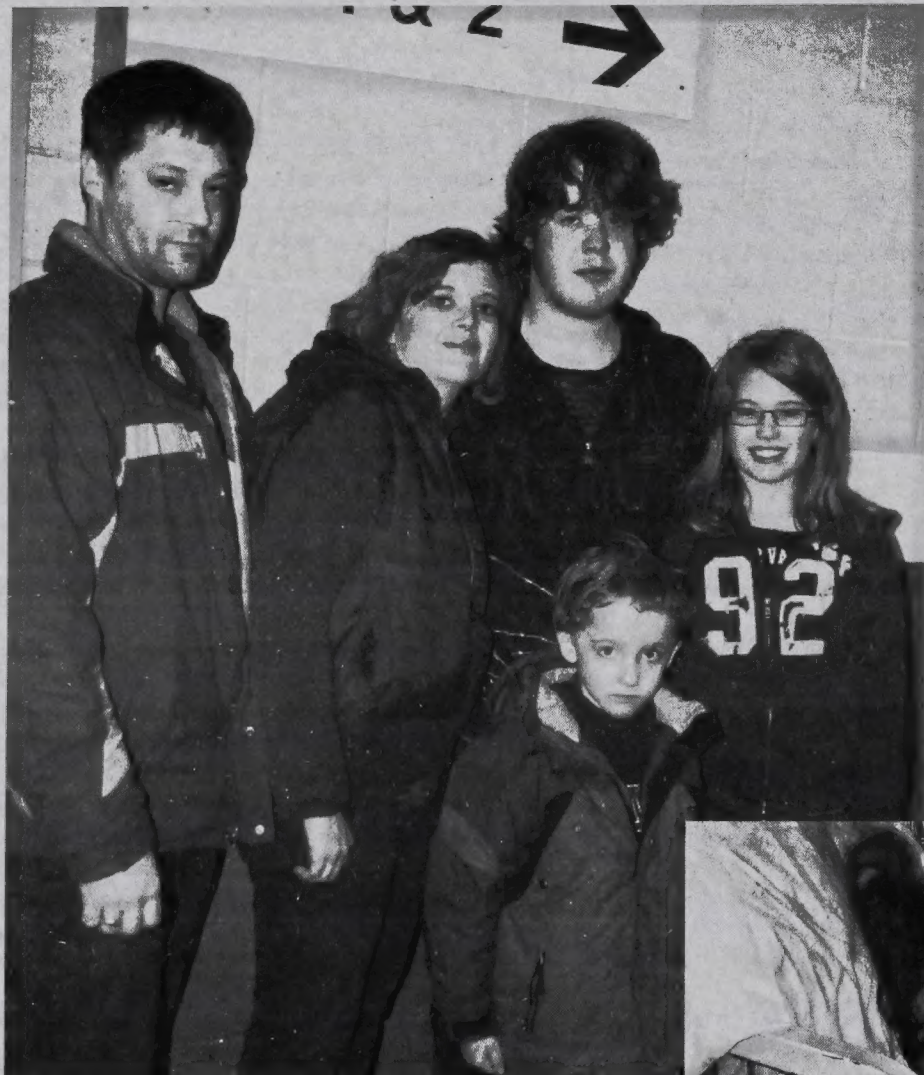
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Family Still Suffers in Wake of Dog Mishap

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Pictured above from left to right: John and Lisa Stephenson, Tanner Warburton and Breanna's brother Bennett with sister Larissa. Right: A photo of Breanna in happier times before the accident. Below: Breanna at Sick Kids hospital in the days after her surgery.



"Tanner showed up and told the dog owner: 'This vehicle isn't leaving until I've got all three of my cousins with me,'" explained Stephenson. "Tanner got there quick, he put his four-ways on, he stayed calm, he reassured all three kids that they'd be fine and he got them to the Minden hospital."

When Stephenson arrived at the hospital, the state she saw Breanna in was almost too much to bear.

"She was lying on a stretcher with a cloth over her face," she recalled, while fighting back tears. "When the doctor went to pull it off I saw the gouge and almost passed out."

Breanna was sent to The Hospital for Sick Kids in Toronto where a plastic surgery team was ready to work on her. She was put through a two-and-a-half hour surgery, and shortly after the operation, Breanna found herself fighting an infection.

"They went through about four or five antibiotics until they found something that helped," said her mom. "They were fearful that the swelling was going to affect her eye and cause further problems."

The physical damage caused was substantial and the cost to mend Breanna's face is astronomical.

"The dog got through the muscle, the tissue and all the tendons," said Stephenson. "The dorsal part of her nose was also crushed and the nose was shifted to a slant."

According to Stephenson, the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) won't cover the cost of numerous surgeries Breanna will need in order to return her face to the way it looked before the incident.

"Because she's young, her face will continue to grow," Stephenson pointed out. "As her face grows, the muscle won't hold the skin together properly and it will sag. However, the skin won't sag over her eye. If it did, OHIP would cover it."

Breanna also requires reconstructive surgery on her nose, but this procedure isn't covered either because her ability to breathe properly hasn't been restricted.

Stephenson says that it will take approximately six to eight months to find out if Breanna's vision has been damaged from the infection that occurred.

The first surgery alone, (one of five that may be necessary) should be performed no later than June and will cost anywhere between \$15,000 and \$25,000, said Stephenson.

All three children are also in severe emotional distress from the experience they went through.

"None of my kids will sleep in their own bed," said Stephenson. "Bennett wakes up throughout the night screaming and Breanna wakes up a minimum of three times every night yelling 'daddy, daddy, help me.'"

Her husband John has lost a week off work because of trips made to Sick Kids and both parents have had to cope with the anxiety they've been put through. Stephenson says that all her kids need to continue to continue undergoing counseling, but at \$120 a session, her and her husband have been financially "tapped out".

"Just because I'm not financially well-off, why should my six-year old have to suffer by being denied services?" she questioned. "All I want for my kids is to try to get them to being as close (physically and emotionally) to normal as they were before this ever happened...if Breanna doesn't get these surgeries she will be deformed."

In her previous encounters with the dog, Stephenson said she didn't see it exhibit any signs of aggression.

"The dog made no indication at all when I was there that it was ugly," she said. "I never knew of any reason that the dog would do this. It was an unfortunate accident."

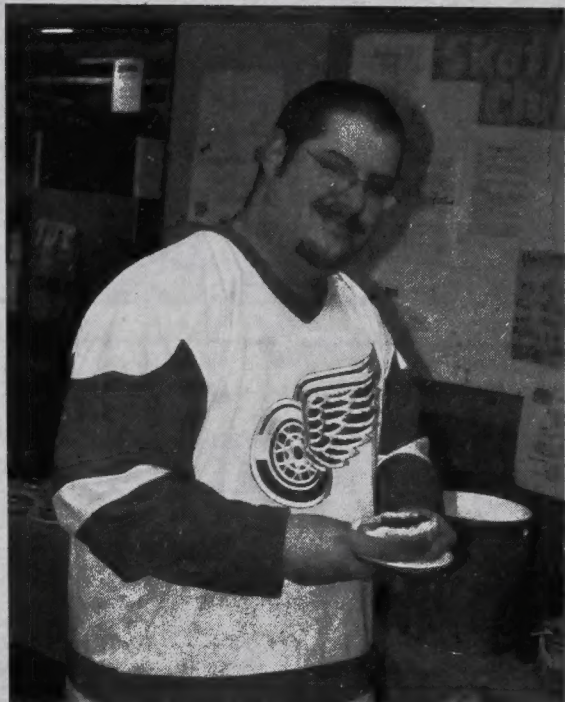
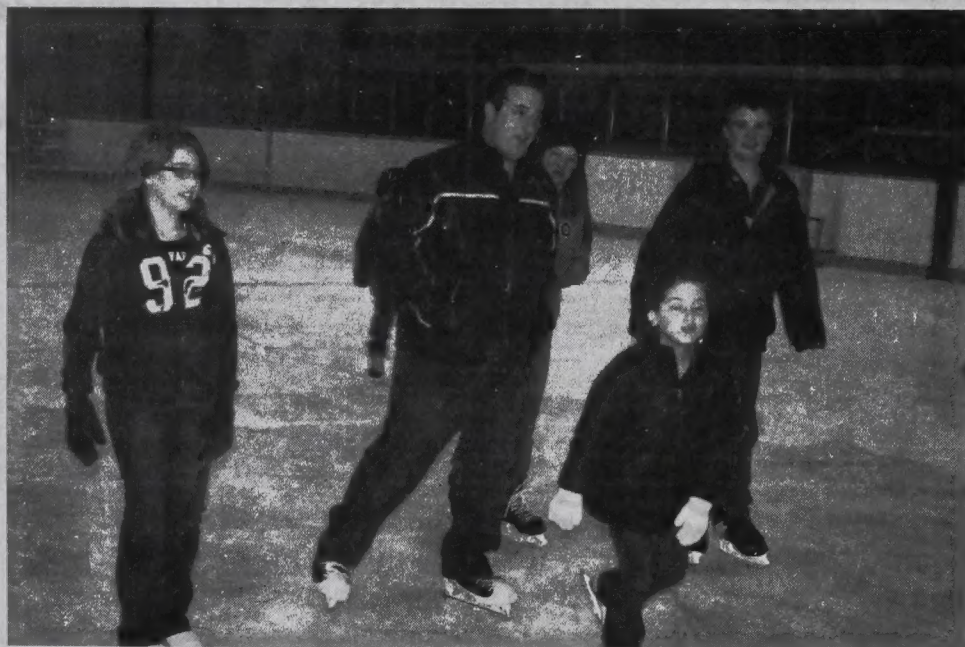
Last Saturday, friends of the Stephenson family organized a fundraising public skate at the Minden arena to help Breanna. Some local businesses donated raffle items to the cause, while others provided snacks and beverages for those who showed up. Though it's a long way from Stephenson's goal, the one-day event brought in an impressive \$1,355.

"This community is beyond amazing," said Stephenson on Saturday when seeing the number of those in attendance. "I can't believe how people in this community are. When you've fallen down, it's a really comforting feeling to know that there is someone who is going to put their hand down to help pick you up."

The Stephenson family is continuing to ask for help from the public to raise the funds they need by June.

If you'd like to make a donation to Breanna and her family, you can do so through an account that has been set-up at the Minden CIBC branch. The transit number is 01542 and the account number is 76-01735. All donations will only be used for Breanna's surgeries and for necessary counseling.

Organizers of the "Skate for Breanna" would like to thank the following business and individuals for showing their support: ILR Driving School, A Little Bit of Everything, Godfathers, The Pepper Mill, Century 21 in Minden, A Bird In a Basket, Tim Horton's, Kawartha Dairy, Golden Stationary, Karen Rivard, Lisa Allore, June Henderson Holland, Dwayne and Tammy Warburton, Kathy Magee and Miranda Mavor. ■



Pictured left, in clockwise order: Hot dogs, hot chocolate and ice creams were enjoyed at the fundraiser. Supporters, both young and old, skated the morning away for Breanna.

Cottagers Against Uranium Mining & Exploration

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter



Cottager Suzanne Lauten

There's a new movement afoot when it comes to uranium in Haliburton County and its called CUME or Cottagers against Uranium Mining and Exploration. Despite an apparent lull in mining exploration and activity in the area, Susanne Lauten, founder of CUME, is determined to take the fight against uranium mining to another level.

Lauten, who has a cottage on Gull Lake, says that she first heard of the threat of uranium mining in the area when a fellow cottager, Nancy Cummins, gave a spontaneous and heart-felt speech on the topic at their annual cottage association meeting in the spring. Cummins had attended one of FUME's (Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration) information sessions the previous evening and was still energized by the experience.

Lauten says that for the next few months she was extremely busy, but when she received an autumn newsletter from her national 'watchdog' group, the Council of Canadians, she read several hard hitting articles on the dangers of uranium mining.

She said, "I found them riveting and alarming." She said she wanted to learn more and with a bit of investigation, she found that the Environment Haliburton website which led her to FUME. From that point on, Lauten started to learn as much as she could about the uranium issue from every source she could find.

Lauten said, "Suddenly I could think of nothing else." She discovered that she wouldn't be able to live with herself if she didn't do everything she could to protect the land she loves. When Lauten started talking to people, she was surprised to discover that despite all the efforts of Robin Simpson and Christine Atrill, founders of FUME, there were still a lot of cottagers who had never even heard of the issue.

Lauten decided to form a network and CUME was created, and established as an adjunct to FUME. With the help of the internet, before the January 15th deadline set by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, she was able to generate hundreds of letters and e-mails to Premier McGuinty voicing concerns and making comments about the Mining Act while their review process remained open to comments from the public.

She said, "The countless phone calls and e-mails to other cottagers and Lake Associations are falling onto fertile ground, because this network is growing exponentially."

CUME's mission statement speaks to environmental responsibility. "To connect within one network all waterfront property owners concerned about uranium mining, thereby enabling them to quickly share information and resources, and to challenge the threat this industry poses to their wellness, environment and investment."

Lauten says that their ultimate goal is to win for all Ontarians what residents of British Columbia and Nova Scotia already enjoy: a province-wide moratorium on uranium mining and exploration. But she says they are striving for a legislated moratorium.

According to Lauten, CUME's immediate challenge is to in-

form all cottagers about the issues surrounding uranium mining and exploration. To this end, she says they will be conducting a "speaking tour" to as many lake association meetings as possible during the spring and fall. "We're also planning an informational session during the summer at a public venue in the Village of Haliburton."

CUME is also planning a community-wide, anti-uranium rally at Queen's Park some time toward the end of September. "This will be a great opportunity to unite all the disparate groups opposing uranium mining, hear some excellent speakers and garner media attention to our cause." More information will be available

on the rally once the permit is in place.

Simpson says that Lauten's group and FUME will form an excellent arms length working relationship. After all their hard work on the "Three Modest Proposals" for the government's consideration, FUME members are now waiting for the results of the revisions to the act. Simpson said, "The results of the government's review will dictate where we go from here. In the interim, Susanne is stirring the pot and keeping things simmering."

Simpson says that FUME and CUME will work together to ensure that they're not doubling up on their efforts, but Lauten will have full access to FUME as a resource.

In the meantime Simpson is in a bit of a quandary. He said that he is concerned that the claims in the area will be grandfathered and the claim that exists on their land will remain in place even though all of the companies involved are presently in the maintenance mode on their claims. Simpson said that by grandfathering existing claims, it may even escalate activity, particularly if there is any time restriction placed on mining activity.

As to Bancroft Uranium, there has been no activity on their Monmouth site, and their website hasn't been updated for months. Efforts to contact them result in either disconnected numbers or the sound of a fax machine, rather than any human response. And according to FUME, El Nino Ventures is not proceeding with further exploration at this time as Can Am Uranium, who hold 60 percent of El Nino options, has decided not to fund any further activity in the area.

In the interim, Lauten and Simpson plan to meet with John Torg and other candidates prior to a candidates' forum. Simpson says that after the election they plan to implement another letter writing campaign just to remind the successful candidate that there is still a lot of concern about the uranium exploration and Mining Act issue in Haliburton County.

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Township of Minden Hills approved a 2.5% budget increase for 2009. Not 12.4% as was incorrectly reported in the County Voice last week.

Lisa Schell
Councillor, Ward 1
Township of Minden Hills

Minden Hills Budget Clarification

There are a number of ways to present budget figures and there is no question that it is a convoluted process as tax bills represent a consolidation of rates set by three levels of government. The bottom line is that the overall tax levies for homeowners in Minden Hills will increase considerably more than the 2.44 percent rate increase determined by Council. The average increase of 9.6 percent to residential property assessments is determined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and is combined with the Municipality's increase to their own budget of 2.44 percent (as confirmed by the Municipal Treasurer). Levies set by the County and the province are also factored into the mix. The calculation of taxes on individual properties will vary considerably dependent solely upon the assessment for each property. While some levies may be much higher than the overall average (of 12.04 percent), many tax notices will be less. The overall increase to a home owner's tax bill can be broken down into a number of components some of which are regulated by higher levels of government and cannot be controlled by the Council. The recent assessment increases set by MPAC for residential properties in Minden Hills were higher than anywhere in the County and levies set by the province for education taxes also did no favours to a municipality struggling at the last minute with a substantial deficit.

According to Municipal Treasurer Lorne Blanchard, when compared with the tax rate established in 2005, the actual municipal share of 2009 taxes in Minden Hills is still well below that encountered in 2005. (i.e. on a property assessed at \$250,000 the municipal share of taxes will still be \$25.67 below taxes experienced in 2005).

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Staff Reporter

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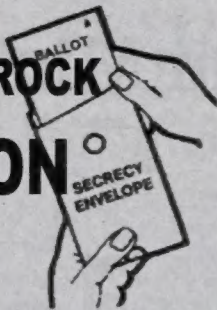


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Seven Candidates, 200 Voters and the Big Question: Why?

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

The bulls-eye is firmly planted on John Tory's largest visible appendage in this by-election; and you are free to ruminate upon where that target might be located. God only knows a goodly number of Queen's Park pundits have already weighed in with their own ambivalent approximations about which areas of Mr. Tory's anatomy might be most susceptible to the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune in this pre-election run up to a March 5th dance with destiny.

Make no mistake, though. This by-election in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock is fraught with implications vis-à-vis the future of Mr. Tory, the current leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party. That much was apparent at an all-candidates meeting held at Delta Pinestone Resort last Thursday evening.

Tory is the consummate professional, a former chief executive of Rogers Cable, former commissioner of the CFL, a seasoned stumper and a marvelous addition to any crowded anteroom or soiree. Tory is no stranger to hard work and he realizes that the key to winning this seat will rest with his ability to convey a message that he will be here to represent the interests of this riding.

When the townie comes to the country he better come armed with enough twang, twitter and swagger to talk the talk and walk the walk. Tory is capable and convincing, and he does his homework. He proved that when he won the rural riding of Dufferin-Peel-Wellington-Grey in a 2005 by-election. He declined a safe seat and ran in Don Valley West in 2007, losing to Education Minister Kathleen Wynne.

Mr. Tory is looking for a seat in the legislature and insiders in the Conservative think tank presume that this may be a last ditch "Hail Mary" flea flicker pass option by the quarterback of a party that, with the bleak economic imbroglio currently enveloping the province, needs a leader in the Legislature.

So this by-election on March 5 in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock could boil to a deal maker or a deal breaker for John Tory and his future as PC leader.

As the leader of Ontario's Progressive Conservative party, Mr. Tory remains the most seasoned of the eight candidates lurking on the rota in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. He has toured the province extensively since becoming party leader four years ago.

So it came as no surprise when Mr. Tory delivered the line of the night last week at the all-candidates night at the Delta Pinestone Resort.

A question about funding for schools brought Mr. Tory face-to-face with his decision, in the last election, to fall on a sword of faith-based funding, a platform plank which cost the Conservatives big-time in the 2007 provincial election.

Mr. Tory received the biggest laugh of the night when he stated categorically that he would not be seeking, nor would he even be discussing faith-based school funding, a line delivered with a sheepish grin and a self-deprecating shake of the head.

Tory made it clear in his opening remarks and throughout the evening that while he was aware that a great many voters question the need for this by-election, he hoped that the electorate would take into consideration the historical reference points. "I gave up a safe seat to try to win in Toronto," said Tory of his 2007 loss. He cited parliamentary tradition and pointed out that other leaders "like (Jean) Chretien, (Joe) Clarke and (Brian) Mulroney" all gained seats in the house through similar by-election process.



Indeed, in spite of a huge public outcry levied against Laurie Scott for resigning her seat, a large slate of candidates ponied up the \$200 entry fee to run in this \$500,000 by-election. Voters may be surprised when entering their polling station on March 5 to find eight candidates on the ballot. Seven of those candidates were on the dais last Thursday to answer a fulsome array of questions at the Pinestone.

Joining Tory at the head table, were Liberal Rick Johnson, NDP candidate Lyn Edwards, the Green Party's Mike Schreiner, Bill Denby of the Freedom Party, Jake Pothaar of the Family Coalition Party, and Jason Taylor, an independent. Kevin Clarke, another independent candidate was the only candidate on the ballot not in attendance last Thursday.

Questions ran the gamut from health care, to schools, to uranium mining, to airport expansion and jobs.

The most poignant and illuminating question of the night came when an audience member asked the candidates if this by-election was necessary.

The question injected a little irony into

of the residents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. "You have an opportunity to elect a local representative and someone with a local voice," said Johnson, who is the Chairman of Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Meanwhile, Ms. Edwards reserved the bulk of her verbal jousts for Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty.

"It's time to demand better from Dalton McGuinty ... poverty is going up and food banks are growing ... we must do better and we can do better." Ms. Edwards took direct aim at Johnson saying that he would be "just another backbencher" and another "lame mouth-piece" in McGuinty's legislature.

And indeed, the next representative for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock will have to face the fact that for all of its apparent wealth, especially in the summer tourist season, this riding is in fact one of the poorest in the province.

According to Statistics Canada, the median annual income of Kawartha Lakes residents was \$21,147 in the year 2000, compared to the provincial average of \$24,816. And with manufacturing and construction workers making up the largest labor group, the riding also had a higher than provincial average unemployment rate.

Resident Bob Nesbitt stepped to the mike and declared that Ontario was in the throes of an 'economic tsunami.'

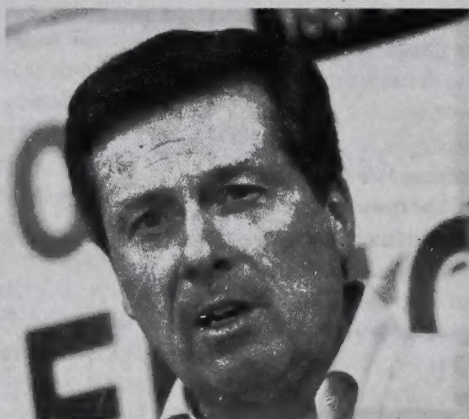
"We have enough arable land to feed the whole province," said Nesbitt. "Is there an advocate for the farmer?"

Tory, Johnson and Edwards all declared their support for the family farm and advocated government programs aimed at bolstering the local farming economy. Denby is a farmer/activist and he advocated a huge provincial move to sustainable farming, echoing Schreiner's call for a compensatory package that would develop local food co-operations and cooperative farming practices in the province. Pothaar and Taylor both said they were in favor of some form of farming strategy that would help to deliver food lo-

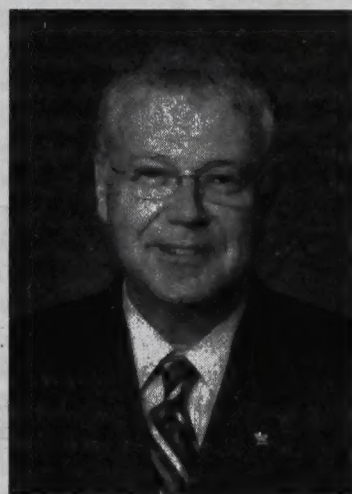
cally. Another resident asked for input regarding thoughts on Non-Profit Organizations, a big issue here locally, with a burgeoning and economically viable arts community.

Johnson, who along with his wife Terri make a living in the arts as singer/performers said that he was on side with funding of the arts and other non-profit organizations. He allowed that four per cent of Canada's GNP was tied inextricably to the arts. Edwards said that the NDP agreed with sustainable funding. "Non-Profit Organizations need to be funded and I do support the funding," adding, "We need to find the right partnerships."

Tory said that the "arts cluster is a huge asset." He added that his party favored a commitment to a three-year funding package for arts groups. He said that "term-commitments" rather than year-to-year or ad hoc funding would bring some stability to the arts community. Schreiner maintained that the Green Party has always professed a commitment to sustainable funding for grass



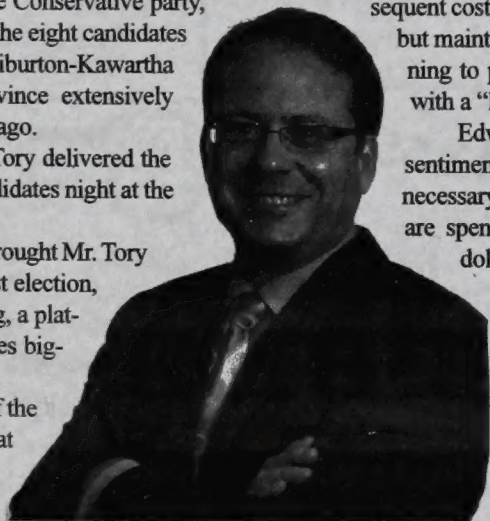
Conservative John Tory



Liberal Rick Johnson



Lyn Edwards, NDP



Mike Schreiner, Green Party

the situation with six candidates on stage all feeling the need to pop off at the perceived conspiracy of convenience agreement between Scott and Tory. The Green's Mike Schreiner said, "I realize that a lot of folks are not very happy with this by-election, and while it may not be necessary, it's an opportunity."

Johnson called the election and the subsequent cost "totally unnecessary" but maintained that he was running to provide the electorate with a "local voice."

Edwards reiterated that sentiment. "It's absolutely unnecessary," said Edwards. "We are spending a half-a-million dollars on an election we

don't need." Denby, Pothaar, and Taylor all expressed similar disdain for the election call.

Biting irony aside, the March 5th ballot call demands that all candidates save Tory must sneer at the call but become firmly and steadfastly entrenched in the process. And on Thursday evening? Mission accomplished. All seven candidates appeared fully ensconced in their separate missions.

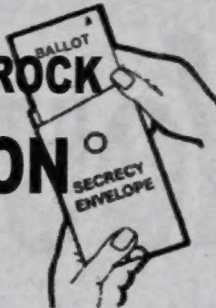
And due respect to Mr. Pothaar, Mr. Denby Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Taylor, and with a nod to the Green Party, this race will likely simmer to a triune battle between the entrenched provincial party candidates, The Liberals, The PCs and the NDP.

Mr. Johnson has left little doubt that he is firmly at odds with Tory's outsider status. Mr. Johnson stated several times on Thursday that he was a local candidate, with a stake in the riding, and a local politician with a vested interest in the lives and concerns

HALIBURTON-KAWARTHA LAKES-BROCK

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All Those Questions and the Sliding Scale

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roots non-profit organizations.

Shawn Arscott was one of several residents who brought concern over uranium mining and the ongoing debate over funding for new sources of power in the province to the table. "We need a moratorium on uranium mining until we know the effects and we need a green energy plan," said Arscott.

Arscott asked the candidates for their take on the issue, and specifically the fate of the nuclear waste which presents a clear and present danger to communities charged with the storage of the growing legacy of nuclear waste products.

Schreiner maintained that the Green Party favored a forthright and comprehensive move toward green energy including wind and solar generated power.

Tory said that it was naïve to believe that nuclear power could be replaced in the near or foreseeable future. "We need nuclear power, it's going to have to be part of the mix," said Tory. However, like Edwards and Johnson, he did agree that provincial funding of alternative energy sources would have to be integrated into an overall economic structure.

When another local activist Carolyn Coburn asked the candidates where they would store all of that nuclear waste, Johnson didn't miss a beat.

"Store it in the basement of Queen's Park," said Johnson, which elicited the de rigueur gales of response from the locals, many of whom were there for the specific purpose of lobbying for a moratorium on uranium mining and an abolition of the anachronistic Ontario Mining Act.

Edwards said that monies spent trying to figure out what to do with the nuclear waste could be put to better use through funding of innovative power generating technologies. "Renewable is doable," said Edwards, tearing a snippet from the Green Party's platform. Tory says that nuclear energy will be part of Ontario's agenda for some time to come, but added that the PCs were also in favor of pursuing alternative energy. Johnson followed up on his humorous storage suggestion with a promise to explore "wind, solar and other alternative forms of energy."

A question of health care and specifically the possible loss of Haliburton's only obstetric bed was presented by a registered midwife here in Haliburton. The midwife was concerned that the loss of the bed would put an inordinate strain on expectant mothers in the area.

She said that the loss of the bed would put a terrible strain on several of her "precipitous care" clients. She said that some of her clients were relying on the continued existence of that obstetric bed.

Johnson was quick to point out that the Local Integrated Health Network (LIHN) initiative to close the bed here in Haliburton was "not a done deal."

Johnson was cogent of the looming controversy and the im-

plications involved and he maintained that the LIHN was still considering that decision. "I understand completely what you're talking about and people need to come and talk to me and if the need for the bed is there I'll be the first one fighting for it."

Tory said, "I will fight to keep that bed open ... and Mr. Johnson needs to say that it (the closure) will not happen." Tory went on to say that the bed closure was typical of McGuinty's record on health care in the province. "That's underhanded ... and the way they do it," said Tory, who also said that he would fight to install new health care services in the county and not work to remove already entrenched programs like the obstetric bed. "I would like to see an MRI here as well," said Tory.

Edwards went a step further and questioned the efficacy of the LIHN. "The Local Integrated Health Networks do not work for us," said Edwards. "We should not have to go elsewhere for our health care."

Members of a coalition against the expansion of the Stanhope Airport, funding for which was approved recently, were also in attendance. Their pleas fell on deaf ears however, when Tory, Edwards and Johnson all pointed out (quite correctly) that this was a municipal matter falling out of their purview as provincial candidates.

The candidates were all given a few minutes to summarize their hopes and plans for the riding at the end of the meeting.

Tory used his time to cement in the hearts and minds of the 200 or so voters on hand at the Pinestone that he would be there in body as well as in spirit.

"I'm going to be here and I'm going to be accessible," said Tory. He said that he would also work to expand the business experience through universal access to broadband and an expanded base of health care services. "I'm a hard working person of integrity ... I'm honest and I won't let you down," said Tory.

Edwards stayed on point in her closing maintaining that Premier McGuinty is in need of a wake-up call. "We can send an important message," said Edwards. "We can send a message that people are tired of McGuinty's broken promises ... we need a new MPP to hold McGuinty's feet to the fire."

Johnson said that voters' needs in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock could best be served with a member on side with the sitting government's ideals. "We need action and you need someone to sit with the government and work for the local community," said Johnson. "I live in this area and I understand this area."

It's hard to pinpoint a defining moment in a town hall meeting with such a broad range of candidates filling a niche that blends conspicuously toward the center.

Perhaps the nicest thing about this little scenario playing out here in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, is the undeniable fact that the electorate would be well-served by any of the entrenched party candidates in the riding.

Mr. Tory, Mr. Schreiner, Ms. Edwards all possess the passion and requisite bona fides to represent this riding with respect and integrity. ■

Service for Electors with Special Needs

Elections Ontario is reminding electors with a disability that accommodating measures are in place for the March 5 by-election in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

New this by-election at advance polls, Elections Ontario will pilot electronic vote tabulators equipped with ballot marking devices. The ballot marking device will allow electors with a disability to mark their ballot independently using audio headphones and a large keypad or a "sip and puff" device.

Voter information has been distributed through a range of channels and diverse formats including Braille, large print and audio to reach electors with special needs.

The Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock returning office and advance polls are wheelchair accessible. In addition, most Election Day voting locations are wheelchair accessible. If the voting location is accessible, it will be indicated on the elector's Notice of Registration card and on Elections Ontario's website www.elections.on.ca.

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fer to another voting location in their electoral district for more convenient access to vote on Election Day.

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Subdivision Proposal on Hindon Lake Under Consideration

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

The County of Haliburton and Algonquin Highlands are considering the merits of a small waterfront subdivision on Hindon Lake in Stanhope. For the first time a joint public meeting was held by the Municipality and the County to facilitate participation by interested parties rather than separate meetings by each tier. Over a dozen people were in attendance, including planners, consultants, members of the public and the applicants, all wishing to participate in one way or another.

This is the first subdivision that has been considered in the area since amalgamation or, for that matter, for many years before that. While it is limited to 13 acreages, it seems that the development will not take place without a modicum of controversy.

Hindon Lake is a small lake at the southwest end of Kushog Lake and is surrounded on three sides by lands owned by the Sanderson family. The lands were initially advertised by the Crown in 1859 to promote settlement in Stanhope which was the township of the day. The area was surveyed to give early settlers and lumbermen access to the region and by the mid 1860's three sawmills were established.

The land was originally granted in several parcels to Howard Nesbitt and James Gannon, but eventually sold to the Branson family in the early 1940's. It is interesting to note that one 40 acre parcel was originally purchased by Nesbitt for fifty dollars. By the 1940's lumbering was curtailed and the region started to develop as a vacation area.

In the early years most of the land could not be cleared for cultivation as it had extremely limited potential for agricultural development. According to local history buff Carol Moffat, some of the early settlers in the area were even relocated as they were unable to scratch a living from the land. There is still evidence of a muskrat farm which operated on the property prior to it being purchased by the Branson family for use as a seasonal cottage and recreational area in 1943.

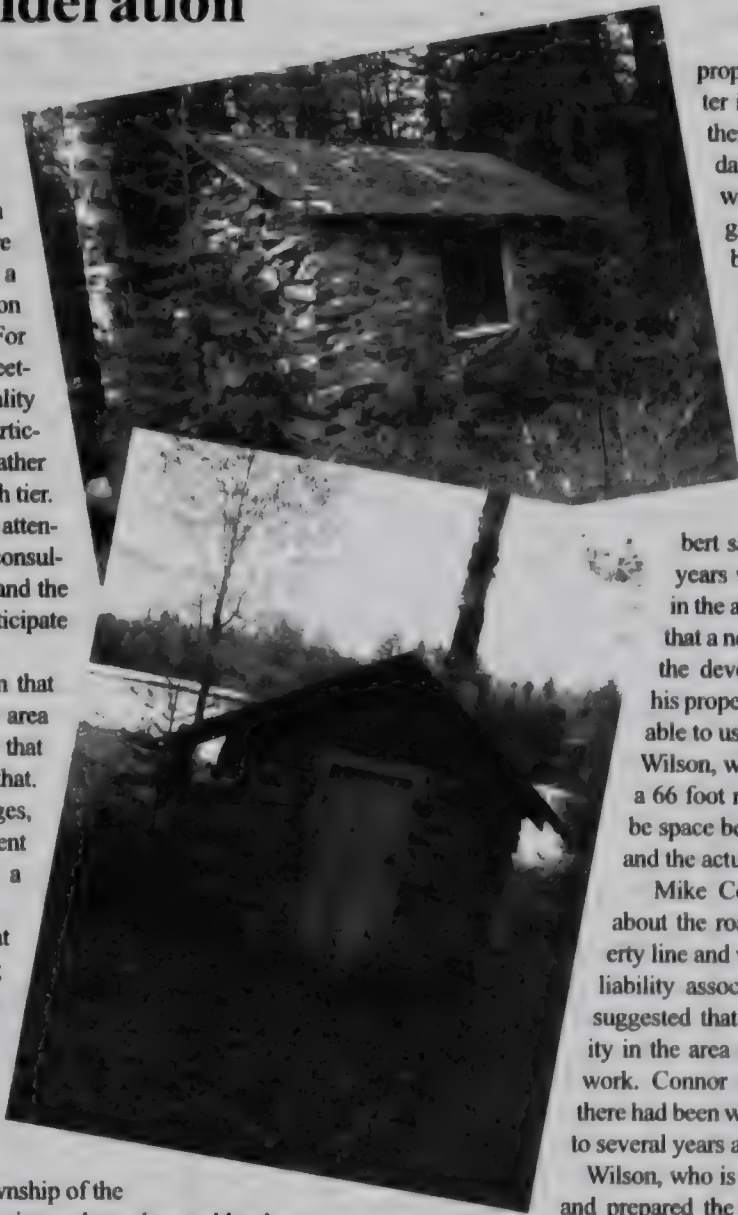
The original planning report and plan of subdivision of 20.7 hectares (51 acres) was presented to the Algonquin Highlands Council in 2006 by Surveyor Paul Wilson and it received approval in principal subject to a number of conditions including a site evaluation report, archaeological/heritage assessment, a nitrate loading impact assessment, storm water management and a site development plan.

The plan is to subdivide three parcels of land into a 13 lot shoreline residential subdivision. Portions of the land will require rezoning from the existing 'rural' designation to 'shoreline residential' and an amendment will also have to be made to the Municipality's Official Plan. The rezoning will result in an increased setback from the high water mark to 30 metres, something that was recommended in the site evaluation report.

According to Greg Corbett of Planscape (planners for the municipality) there are four cottages on the lake at the present time, three of which are to be either removed or relocated. One cottage, which has a concrete foundation, will remain in place. The lots being proposed range in size from two to 4.3 acres with frontages ranging from 275 to 580 feet. Corbett also reported that as a result of the environmental review some particularly sensitive areas will have to be added to an area of open space.

Corbett reported that the environmental review supported the development with conditions including individual septic systems for each lot, natural buffers, limited docking facilities and restricting the lake to outboard motors of 10 horsepower or less. There are to be no new water crossings developed or widening of existing crossings and an assessment of fisheries and aquatic vegetation is to take place in the spring.

Several property owners on lands adjacent to the proposed subdivision had concerns about certain aspects of the development, even suggesting that there had been some skulduggery afoot. Morris Lambert was concerned that a creek that ran through his



property at one time has no water in it now. Lambert said that there was a beaver pond and dam in the area, and that the water level in the pond was going down and the dam had been damaged.

Lambert suggested that there were large rocks that had been placed in the creek in such a way as to stop water from flowing. He said, "The creek bed is quite visible, but there is no water in it." Lambert said that for a period of two years water had run continuously in the area. He also voiced concern that a new road, proposed as part of the development would run along his property line, but he would not be able to use it. This was confirmed by Wilson, who also clarified that, given a 66 foot road allowance there would be space between Lambert's boundary and the actual road.

Mike Connor was also concerned about the road running along his property line and whether there would be any liability associated with it. Connor also suggested that there were signs of activity in the area and evidence of chain saw work. Connor agreed with Lambert that there had been water flowing in the creek up to several years ago.

Wilson, who is very familiar with the land and prepared the survey, said there was no such creek in the area.

Michael Sanderson, one of the applicants, said he had been going to the property for his entire life and confirmed that there had been no creek there for the past 48 years. He also confirmed that there were trees in the area where the rocks were that reached 30 feet in height, suggesting that there had been no activity there for many years. Sanderson, who said that the land had originally belonged to his uncle, said that there is an area that is subject to spring runoff, but in his entire life there had never been a continual flow of water.

"The back of the bay is like a meadow and in the spring it is wet from runoff, but in the late summer and fall you can walk across the area," said Sanderson. But Connor, who said he was not against the subdivision, insisted that the waterways in the area had been altered and that he had been in contact with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans about his concerns.

Connor referred to a large ravine which was indicative of a stream having been there for a number of years. He said, "You can see the high water marks and evidence of a dam." Connor went on to say that the evidence of activity was connected to the fact that the levels of water had been lowered.

The discussion degenerated into a little verbal skirmish between Sanderson, Wilson and Connor and comments made about Connor being asked to leave Sanderson's property at one time. Connor again said he had issues about the road running along his property, particularly if an accident occurred that impacted his property. He was also concerned that the municipality could decide to assume the road in the future with costs being passed on to him, but Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner assured him, "We're not looking for more roads, we have enough responsibility maintaining what we have."

After a number of questions were posed by Council, Wilson suggested that he was willing to walk the site with Connor and Lambert, along with a member of Council as soon as they could after the snow is gone.

Jane Tousaw, Director of Planning for the County asked for comments in writing from those in attendance. She also asked Council for their recommendations or suggestions on conditions to be placed on the development. Tousaw advised that the Health Unit had also asked to inspect the property for septic system potential which would not take place until the snow is gone. She said, "Everyone will have time to resolve some of these issues prior to the County Council making their decision." ■

Above: Evidence of early development of the Branson/Sanderson property can be seen in this old stone pump-house.



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On March 2, 1807, the U.S. Congress passes an act to "prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States ... from any foreign kingdom, place or country." Great Britain also banned the African slave trade in 1807.

On March 3, 1887, Anne Sullivan begins teaching 6-year-old Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at the age of 19 months. Under Sullivan's tutelage, the previously uncontrollable Keller flourished, eventually graduating from college and becoming an international lecturer and activist.

On March 4, 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, Franklin Delano Roosevelt is inaugurated as the 32nd president of the United States. In his famous inaugural address, Roosevelt outlined his "New Deal" and told Americans that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

On March 5, 1966, a jet breaks apart in mid-air and plummets into Japan's Mount Fuji. All 124 people on board the aircraft were killed. The plane's pilot apparently flew close to the mountain in order to give the passengers a better view, and severe turbulence literally blew the plane apart.

On March 6, 1986, Georgia O'Keeffe, the artist who gained worldwide fame for her austere minimalist paintings of the American southwest, dies in Santa Fe, N.M., at the age of 98. O'Keeffe's paintings of cow skulls and calla lilies gained particular attention and won her an enthusiastic audience.

On March 7, 1876, 29-year-old Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention -- the telephone. Three days after filing the patent, the telephone carried its first intelligible message -- the famous "Mr. Watson, come here, I need you" -- from Bell to his assistant.

On March 8, 1893, Emmet Dalton, the only survivor of the Dalton Gang's disastrous attempt to rob two Kansas banks, begins serving a life sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary. After 14 years in prison, Emmet won parole and returned to society a reformed man. He finally married and began a successful career as a real-estate agent.

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Four-hundred-and-seventy-seven sledders from Canada and abroad brought their gear and their machines to the Haliburton Forest last Saturday for the 20th annual Snowmobile Poker Run. Through this year's event, \$9,200 was raised for the Dysart et al volunteer fire department.

The poker run has grown significantly since the first run was held some 20 years ago.

"In the first year we organized the poker run to help the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary with their fundraising efforts for the hospital expansion," explained Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of the Haliburton Forest and one of the event organizers. In its inaugural year, Schleifenbaum said that only \$300 - \$400 was raised and about 100 participants were involved.

During the day-long event, participants rode along the 400 km of trails that are on the privately owned land of the Haliburton Forest. Schleifenbaum says that on a regular day a maximum of 100 riders are permitted to go on the trails. He adds that this is the only privately owned snowmobile operation in the world.

In last year's ride, \$8,000 was raised for the Dysart fire department. With the funds they purchased a thermal imaging camera. In its 20 years in existence, the Poker Run has raised over \$100,000 for the Haliburton Hospital.

So what is it that makes this poker run an attractive event?

"It's a great place to come to for a getaway and there's a very pleasant atmosphere," said Schleifenbaum.



Those who entered the poker run were not only out for a good time, they also were taking a shot at winning a brand new Ski Doo GTX 550 sled supplied by Prentice Power Sports in Minden. To win, riders had to try and form the best poker hand they could with cards collected on the trails. This year's winner was Justin Sears.

The Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve is made up of 60,000 acres in the Haliburton Highlands. The property includes biking trails, campsites, educational facilities and more. ■



Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

Two Shows, Two Nights Students Let Locals in On Plays Before Sears Drama Festival

The Redhawk Theatre Company invites you to see two separate productions at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3.

This past Tuesday, Grade 12 actors were rehearsing for "Kanini"; an original play by Carolyn Barnes and Holly Quibell.

The story centres around a rather odd woman named Carolyn Kanini (played by Carolyn Barnes) who is tired of leading the lonely life she does. In her nutty journey to rediscover herself, Kanini encounters a therapist who goes by the name of Dr. Grace Grant (played by Quibell). After a while, Grant has enough of Kanini's antics and gives her over to her husband Dr. James Jennings (played by Bill Burnett), who is also a therapist.

She ends up being referred to a third therapist Dr. Duncan Dinglehop (character unseen), but eventually finds her way back to her two previous therapists who agree to help her once more.

Kanini will be shown along with Paper or Plastic, which is directed by Emily Stonehouse and Natasha Martin. Tickets are \$5 at the door and shows start at 7 p.m.

Both plays are also being entered at the upcoming Sears Drama Festival in Brantford.



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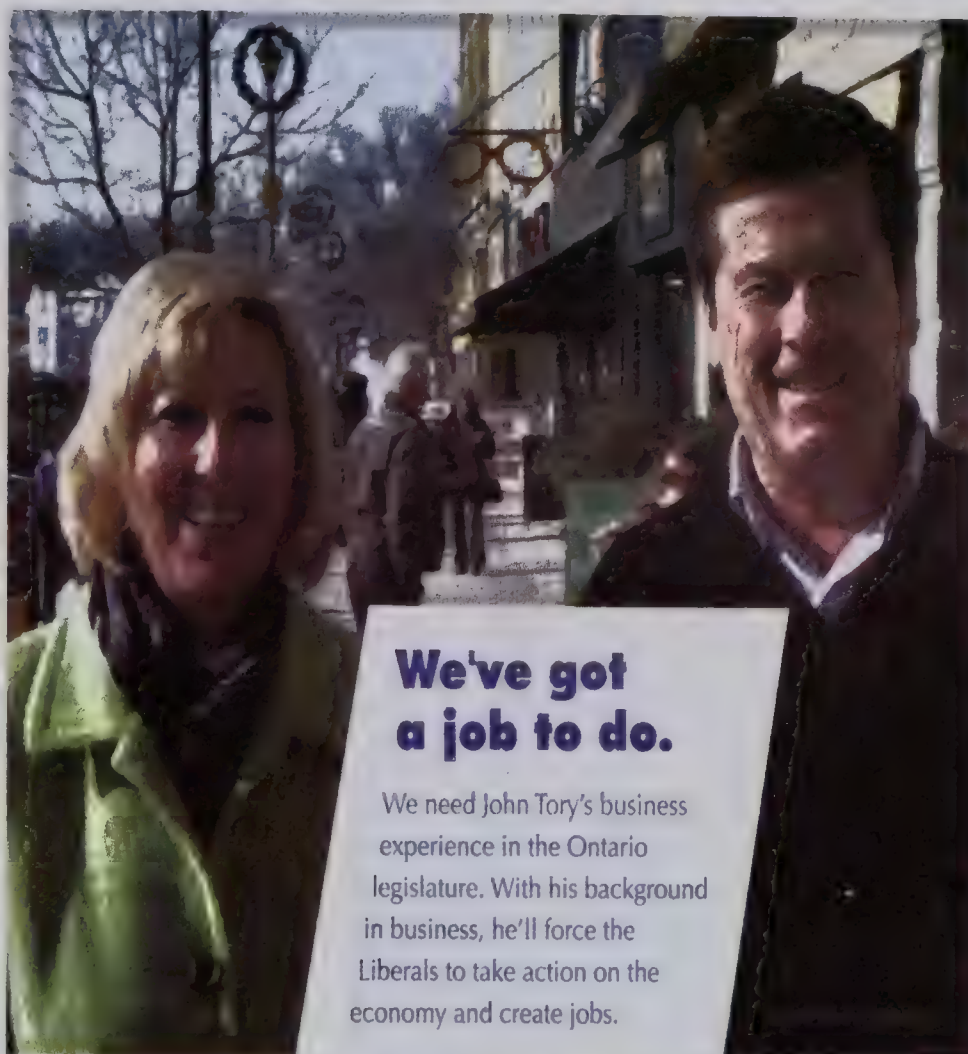
Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, Feb. 17, members of the Minden Lioness Club handed over a cheque for \$700 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF). The funds will assist purchase 70 stationary ceiling lifts scheduled to be installed in early March at the Minden and Haliburton hospitals.

The club was able to raise the money through their annual "Bed Pan Blitz" that was held on the long weekend in August. In the fundraiser, Lioness members (females) dressed in hospital gowns, stationed themselves outside the Minden LCBO and collected donations from the public in bedpans. In addition to their most recent donation, the club has donated a total of \$9,700 to the HHHSF.

The stationary ceiling lifts that are used to easily move patients with mobility issues will benefit both hospital patients and residents of the Highland Wood and Hyland Crest long-term care facilities. The cost of 70 lifts is pegged at \$361,000.

The HHHSF is an incorporated registered Canadian charity that financially supports health care facilities in Haliburton County. Since 1997, the foundation has raised over \$7 million through personal, business and corporate donations, special events, promotions, annual giving and the special gift program. ■



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Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Major Donations Recognized Expense Hospital Equipment Purchased Through Community Effort

It was back in June of 2007 that the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) first launched their \$2.5 million "Reach for the Future Campaign".

One of the first priorities of the campaign was to purchase Picture Archiving Communication Systems (PACS). These pieces of equipment are computers or networks that are dedicated to the storage, retrieval, distribution and presentation of images taken from various medical instruments.

As a result of fundraising efforts by the Minden and Haliburton hospital auxiliaries, monies from donations and events, and partial funding from the Federal and Provincial Government, two PACS machines were installed in the Minden and Haliburton hospital facilities.

Last Friday, some of those who helped collect the funds for the purchases gathered to present a cheque for \$731,298 (the cost of the PACS) to Paul Rosebush, President and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), and Marg Risk, Chair of the HHHS.

The HHHSF would like to thank all those who had a part in helping support health care in the Haliburton Highlands. ■

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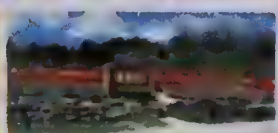


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Annual Tradition Brings Families Together

Highland Crest Decorated to Resemble a Winter Wonderland



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Residents of Highland Crest in Minden and their families entered a "Winter Wonderland" on Thursday, Feb. 19.

The special themed evening held at the long-term care facility in Minden gave families the chance to enjoy a fancy dinner and take in some entertainment provided by Vivian Heatherington and Steve McCullough. Speeches were also delivered by Paul Rosebush, President and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, and Kathy Burt, Director of Long Term Care.

These formal dinners have become an annual tradition. Last year's theme was titled "A Starry Night". ■



Above: Janine Burke, HHHS Program Manager, strikes a pose with resident Reita Hughes. Right: Vera spends some time with her husband Fred. Bottom: Councilor Carol Moffatt waits for dinner to be served with Paul and Tony Aymong.



Local Business Owners Make a Difference



Pat Bradley of South Wind Motel presents a \$426 cheque to Nancy Brownsberger, Social Marketer for SIRCH Community Services & Consulting.

Proceeds from Pat and Dave Bradley's Bottle Drive Go to SIRCH

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

In Haliburton County, many children and their families are exposed to poverty on a regular basis. For many, providing the basic necessities such as

food can prove to be an arduous task after paying regular monthly bills such as rent, hydro and heat.

Through the Healthy Children Program, SIRCH Community Services & Consulting is providing assistance to local families who need it. Through the program, parents are educated on how to create cost efficient, nutritious meals. Problems they may encounter with providing healthy meals to their children on a tight budget are also addressed. Costs associated with running the program are heavily funded by grants and donations.

After hearing about this and other SIRCH projects, Pat and Dave Bradley, owners of South Wind Motel & Campground in Minden, felt that they should contribute to the cause.

On Thursday, Feb. 12, Pat presented Nancy Brownsberger, SIRCH's Social Marketer, with a cheque in the amount of \$426. All the funds will go directly to the Healthy Children Program.

"My husband and I thought that these are some great local services," said Bradley. "This seemed like a good thing to do."

For the past year, the Bradleys campaigned to raise funds for SIRCH and other causes by encouraging patrons at their motel to leave behind their liquor and beer bottles.

As a result of their year-long drive, the couple managed to also donate about \$200 to the Kinmount Lions Club and another \$60 to the Relay for Life held last June. In the past, they also gave around \$350 to the Minden Hills Fire Department and \$150 to the Lions Club.

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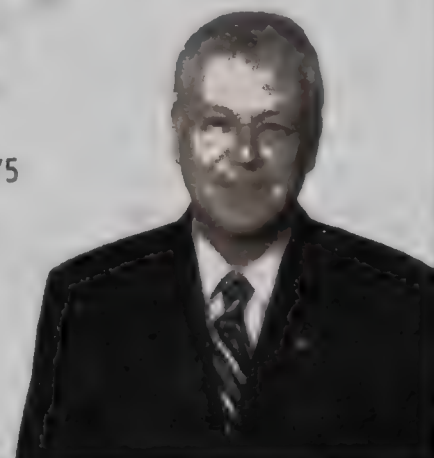
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Speed Limit to Drop on North Shore Road

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

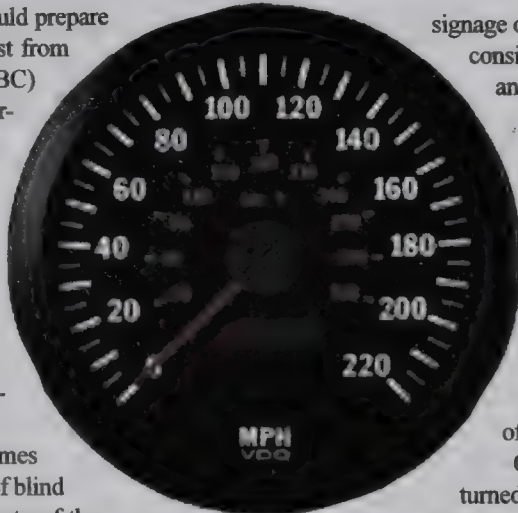
Residents who are in the habit of speeding on North Shore Road should prepare to slow down. The Algonquin Highlands Council considered a request from the Maple Beech & Cameron Lakes Property Owners' Association (MBC) to reduce the speed limit on the road and has approved the request. Unfortunately, the request came in after the budget for the year was adopted, which means that no action will be taken until sometime next year.

According to Brian Whetstone, Manager of Operations, unless the area is zoned residential and the roads are posted, the speed limit on all municipal roads is 80 kilometres per hour in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act. Whetstone confirmed that St. Peter's Road and Airport Road are posted at 60 kph. MBC has requested that the speed limit overall be reduced to 50 kph along the full length of North Shore Road and lowered even further to 40 kph on the section between St. Peter's Road and Generation Trail.

North Shore Road winds along the shoreline of several lakes, sometimes between residences, both year round and seasonal. It also has a number of blind corners and is a perfect trap for rubberneckers who can't resist the beauty of the area.

The issue was first raised with Reeve Eleanor Harrison during the MBC annual general meeting last August. Comments were heard at that time that, for the last number of years, traffic levels along the road have increased dramatically and some vehicles are travelling at speeds that show little regard for children and pets at play or pedestrian traffic that are out enjoying the scenic walk.

According to Whetstone, in order for the police to enforce speed limits, the municipality is required to place signs every 600 metres. He advised Council that, in order to place the appropriate



signage on the road, it would cost over \$2500 for signs and hardware alone without considering the amount of labour involved. He also reminded Council that it is an unbudgeted item.

Council considered the request for two different speed limits but accepted Whetstone's recommendation of one speed for the full length. He said that unless the police are actually on site, signs indicating three different speeds would be redundant. He also advised Council that a by-law would be required to change the speed limit.

In response to a question from Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner about whether the recommended 50 kilometre speed was appropriate, Whetstone agreed that it was given the number of curves on the road and people crossing the road to access the waterfront. Councillor Don Shortread suggested posting pedestrian crossing/walking signs given the amount of pedestrian use.

Council agreed that the speed limit should be reduced and the discussion turned to the cost. Whetstone said he did have some money set aside for signage, but this amount would eat up most of that portion of the budget for the year.

He said, "That may only be an issue if this is a catalyst for more requests for changes."

Councillor Carol Moffat said, "I don't like unbudgeted items. I know it is sometimes part of business, but this request initiated in August and could have been submitted in time for our budget discussions." Moffat went on to say that she supported the idea but that it should be part of the following year's budget. While the rest of Council agreed with this sentiment, Shortread was still concerned about the amount of traffic on the road and suggested Council proceed this year.

After a brief discussion, Council passed a resolution supporting the request by MBC and directed that the project be included in the 2010 budget. Shortread voted in opposition given the delay. ■



Haliburton Highlands CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Business Achievement Awards

Small Business of the Year

The award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 1 to 25 employees. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Small Business of the Year Award.

Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2008 and must be a current member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

Large Business of the Year

This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 26 employees or more. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Large Business of the Year Award.

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New Business of the Year (Under 3 Years)

This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or less. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the New Business of the Year Award. Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2008.

Not-For-Profit Business of the Year

This award recognizes the contribution that Not-For-Profit Organizations make to the County of Haliburton. The Award will be presented to an organization that has been in business more than 3 years and follow the same standard list of criteria as the other awards.

Community Achievement Awards

Highlander of the Year

The Highlander of the Year Award recognizes the contributions and community leadership demonstrated by individuals for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands. Any resident of the Highlands who has made outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, community economic development or the environment are eligible for nomination. The Highlander of the Year is a community booster and a true Ambassador for the Haliburton Highlands.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 Years and Under)

The criteria for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award includes proficiency as a Risk Taker, demonstrates Enthusiasm, Motivation, displays Creativity, Originality, Dedication, Innovation and Vision

Customer Service of the Year

New this year! This award is for Customer Service centered business which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more. This award recognizes both innovation and exceptional performance resulting in quality service to customers. This business would provide customer with choices in both sources of services and the means of delivery, making information, services and complaint systems easily accessible. An example of an exceptional performance may include compassion and caring that goes well beyond expectations for customer service. Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2008.

Standard Criteria for Awards

The selection committee will consider performance and achievement for 2008 in any of, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- Product or Market Innovations
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- Sales and/or Employment Growth and Technological Advancement
- Excellent in Community Relations/Contribution
- Environmental Consciousness
- Customer Service and Reliability
- High Standard of Employee Relations
- Contributes to the Economic Health of the Haliburton Highlands

Nomination Form

Small Business of the Year (1-25 Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
Large Business of the Year (26+ Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
New Business of the Year (in business 3 years or less) Not-For-Profit Business of the Year (in business for 3+ years)
Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 yrs & under) Highlander of the Year Customer Service of the Year (New this Year)

Note: Warden Award of the Year (selected by the Warden of Haliburton County) and Youth of the Year (selected by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School) are not nominated awards.

Nominee Information:

Company/Organization/Individual: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

of Employees: _____

Years in Operation: _____

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Name: _____

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Is the Nominee aware of this Award?

Yes _____ No _____

Related to the criteria for selection please give a brief explanation why you feel this Company/Organization/Individual deserves this award. Attach extra pages if needed.

The Chamber does not disclose the name of the nominator.
Nominations will be accepted until February 27th, 2009. Nominations can be emailed, mailed or faxed or dropped in the depot box at the Chamber Office in Minden. Box 147, Minden, ON. K0M 2K0
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Events

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Business & Community Achievement Awards

Saturday, March 21st at the Delta Pinestone Resort

Event Tickets: \$60, call our office to reserve!

Reminder: Nominations are needed...the deadline is approaching fast! Ballet Boxes located at BMO, The Echo, Cordell Carpet in Haliburton & The Times and Chamber Office in Minden.

News Flash

Tourism Stakeholder Meeting Re-cap

What a success that meeting was on Feb. 11th at the Wigamog Inn. Great speakers, open forum discussion of new ideas. Positive thinking of today's economy and what we can all do about it! Re-cap of the Meeting was sent out via email.

Membership Survey

Please be sure to fill out the 2009 Membership Survey sent to all Chamber Members via email this week. It only takes a moment...we want to hear what you have to say. Deadline for Survey: Feb. 28/09. If you did not receive the form please call the office and we will have one sent to you as soon as possible.

Gala Trophy Tender to the Art Council

Congratulations and thank you to Tom Green of Glass Eagle Studio who provided the Chamber with an amazing piece for this year's trophy for Business & Community Achievement Awards. We will not show off this fine work until the eve of the event!

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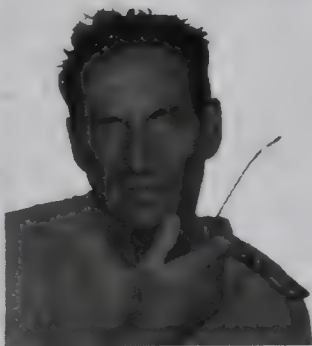
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Thursday, February 26, 2009

Tennis Tournament Bars Israeli Player - No Fair Play in Sight

Roddick Walks Saying Politics and Sports Don't Mix



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

As reported on the wire and throughout the world press last week, religion, unbridled jingoism and reprehensible national policies are being used as fod-

der in a world sport's venue.

Last week, Israel's leading female tennis player, Shahar Peer, was refused a visa for entry into the United Arab Emirates, and politics threatened the future of one of the world's richest tennis tournaments.

The UAE does not have diplomatic relations with Israel and tournament organizers believe the decision to refuse entry to Peer was a reaction to the recent conflict in Gaza.

This is wrong. Unacceptable.

Sports, that humble but often illuminating backdrop, has performed admirably as effervescent and consuming catalyst against ethnocentric intolerance, racism, balkanism and fanaticism.

The world held South Africa and apartheid accountable through a boycott on trade and sports. The pressure, the embargo and the shame staunch a tide of jackboot colonialism that imprisoned Nelson Mandela for most of his adult life, and many aver that apartheid fell as a direct result of that worldwide pressure. Sports played its solid, bubbling, and textured role in the stemming of apartheid.

Branch Rickey and Jackie Robinson danced a dilly of a duet in 1947 and down went the color barrier in major league baseball. Robinson, the catalyst, and Rickey, the mentor, eschewed together the petty thoughts and dalliances of an entrenched hierarchy, preferring to ignore the spills, the jeers, the death threats, the taunts and the epithets. Forging an alliance for the greater good. Clearing the path.

Sports is like that. It moves vaguely in the shadows, blunting the sharp sword of intemperance, applying comradeship judiciously and placing a modicum of sense midst the madness.

Big Bear Don Haskins sounded a death knell for a Jim Crowe platform of all-white college basketball when he started five black players for Texas Western College against an all-white University of Kentucky team, winning the 1966 national NCAA championship.

He beat court legend and Jim Crowe practitioner Adolph Rupp, a coaching guru. Kentucky, despite being beaten in that game, spent another decade bucking the trend, eschewing the recruitment of black players and appeasing their big-buck-wielding and not vaguely racist southern alumni by continuing to boycott

black players.

Too late. Haskins and his freewheeling five proved the point. Basketball conformed and the Big Bear's dance down Glory Road sparked the turn.

In sports a great leveler. A thin edge of a wedge. A foot in the door. A jackhammer at the gates, dispensing with niceties of the norm, and refusing to commit to the status quo.

Because sports is just that. The bulwark against the norm.

World conflicts are borne from fear. Fear of religion, of humble practice, of the color of skin; fear of difference. Fear promulgated by the hierarchy of intemperate souls who rule blithe in haughty impertinence.

On the platform, on the dais, on the rink, the field, and the pitch and in the raw heat of competition there is fear, but seldom does that fear translate to hatred.

Players know that sports remains as the great leveler.

Players play and they play by the set of rules they are given. They play peer to peer.

Players seldom ask another player what god they worship. They care not about the color of another player's skin.

They simplify the equation. Can I win?

Is he faster? Are we better? Does she rise higher than I?

And so tennis was presented with a problem. The UAE tournament in Dubai banned Shahar Peer. We remain stunned by the lack of player action.

Every player should have walked.

Every woman player on that circuit should have told Dubai and their 10-star hotel accommodation and their multi-million dollar purse to stick their tourney where the sun never shines.

They should have stood solidly in support of Peer. That's, after all, what peers do.

It's what Branch Rickey, Jackie Robinson, Don Haskins, and a legion of other committed athletes have done.

Instead women's tennis did nothing. ■

Even the Williams sisters, Venus and Serena agreed to uphold their contracts to play the tournament in Dubai.

Shame. Two players who should know better. Two players who should have learned from Althea Gibson and Arthur Ashe, American players who worked very hard to pave the way for black players on courts everywhere.

Venus and Serena should have stepped to the plate.

Their countryman Andy Roddick did.

He withdrew from the men's side of the Dubai tournament.

Roddick is the defending champ and he said that he was pulling out because of his concerns over the treatment of Shahar Peer and her denial of a spot in the draw. "I don't know if it's the best thing to mix politics and sports," said Roddick.

And then he packed up his rackets and went home.

Good on you mate.

We need the voices in the wilderness.

To keep the wolves from the door. ■

Highland Storm PeeWee A's Charge in the Ontario Semi Finals

Thrilling End to Hard
Fought Series with Wasaga
Beach

Submitted by Wendy Sisson

So the mid February days are feeling a little longer and you're still driving your kids to the rink for hockey practice? You just have to be involved in play-off hockey.

The Highland Storm's PeeWee A team, sponsored by Floyd Hall Ins. Ltd. and Dollo's IGA, advanced three weeks ago to the OMHA quarter finals defeating Campbellford in game four with a 2-1 score at the Colts arena. The quarters would pit the Storm against the Wasaga Beach Stars. Game One was played in Minden where the home team's special teams dominated, scoring three times on the power play. The Stars scored first but a minute later Curtis Balarntyne tied the game with assists going to Jacob Sisson and Julia Fedeski. Into the second, the Stars went up 2-1, but then the Storm went on a role with five unanswered goals. Finding the back of the net were Jacob, Curtis, Captain Nate Feir, Tyler Barry, and Spencer Trueman, with helpers from Tyler (2), Connor Dollo (2), Spence, Nate, Curt, and Owen Flood. Brayden Frost played a strong game between the pipes, turning away the Stars time and again.

The Storm travelled to Wasaga Beach for Game Two, where they scored the first goal, with a great, unassisted extra effort from Nate Feir. In the second the Stars took the lead 2-1 with the Storm answering back on the power play with a nicely placed puck by Curt, fed by Jacob and Tyler. In the third, the Stars would regain the lead and finally found the empty net to take the game 4-2. Jordan Hamilton did a great job as the gate keeper for the Storm in this game, although his cause certainly wasn't helped by two Storm goals that were called back when the referees lost sight of the puck.

Game Three was back at the Beach at 8:30 last Friday night. At the buzzer ending the second period the score was deadlocked at 0. The Stars scored twice in the first four minutes of the third, but that only served to rally the visitors. The Storm fought back to tie the score with hard fought goals by Connor and Nate, with the set ups going to Devon Upton, Chris Hall and Nate, which sent the game into sudden-victory overtime. The Storm soon dominated with a distinct advantage in shots on net but the Stars goalie wasn't going down without a fight. But with under three minutes left in OT Nate shovelled the puck to Connor who lifted a dandy over the shoulder of the tender for the 3-2 Storm victory.

Game Four went Saturday in Haliburton, and any parent who was hoping for a less stressful game would soon be sorely disappointed. The Stars would light up the score board first, but the Storm answered back to tie the match thanks to Curt, with assists by Chris and Devon. The Stars regained the lead in the third and once again being down seemed to ignite the home team. With less than five minutes remaining in the game, Joseph Patrick charged to the net and set up Spencer who anticipated the puck and slid it under the pads of the tender. At this point it was obvious that all of the extra time that the coaching staff has put into conditioning this team was paying off. The home team simply out hustled the Stars and that soon led to the game winning goal. Curt would wedge the puck into the net with the help of Tyler and Chris. Storm 3 Stars 2. Game, set, match Storm. Not mentioned on the score sheets but making huge contributions to each game with puck handling and strong body presence were Matt Hunter and Tom Paul. This team now moves on to the All-Ontario Semi-finals vs Tavistock, with Games One and Two scheduled for this weekend in the Titan's rink. ■

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Sports Editor

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You better have nerves of steel and you better possess the raw edge and resolute glint of a samurai.

And your names better be Connor Duhaime, Curtis Nichol, Jesse Walker and Owen Duhaime.

The four Hal High curlers took 'eye of the tiger' to a new level last weekend, capturing the prestigious Gore Schoolboy Curling Crown at the High Park Curling Club in Toronto.

And as the set up testifies, it wasn't all fun and games.

Just most of it.

The Championship, the banner, the jackets and the trophy all came with an ebb and a flow, and midst the inordinately high heat of icy confrontation. But of course the Duhaime brothers, Nichol and Walker wouldn't have had it any other way.

Like that game on Thursday, their opening game of the tournament against North Dundas High School. Down three and heading into the eighth and

final end, the foursome from Hal high stared that triple dog deficit down and somehow managed to assemble the end of their lives. They scored three in the eighth to force an extra end and a small exhale.

Tied at eight after eight. Not an advertisement for chocolate dinner mints, but a crafted and scintillating comeback run. The three points forced an extra end, but also gave the hammer back to North Dundas.

Which is when skip Connor Duhaime called on the protocol of

a full year's breadth of team play and asked his team to stay on that page. That page that has brought them to the pinnacle's edge of schoolboy curling in Ontario this season. And when the skip called, they responded with familiar aplomb. They stole that final point in the extra end and won 9-8.

As it turns out, the come from behind victory formed an important cog in the rink's eventual march to destiny.

Haliburton easily beat E.L.Crossley S.S. 5-1 in their second round robin match on Friday and that set up a clash with Guelph's St. James C.H.S. in the third match of their round robin set.

The Duhaime rink sagged a bit in their third match and lost to Tyler Sagan's talented Guelph foursome by a 5-1 margin on Friday and that set up a crossover semi-final match on Saturday against undefeated (3-0) Etobicoke C.I. in the A versus B semi-final.

Coach Tom Dibblee said that a good night's rest after the Friday night banquet worked like a tonic for the foursome who refused to succumb to the disappointment of that round robin loss. They came out rejuvenated and ready on Saturday.

The Duhaime crew went out Saturday morning and doused the previously unbeaten Travis Ackroyd foursome 7-2. Etobicoke, the defending Gore Schoolboy Champs called it quits after the sixth end and that set up the inevitable and formidable finals rematch between the Duhaime and Sagan foursomes on Saturday afternoon.

As any good curler knows, the toughest nut in club curling is the elusive double. It's not a hard and fast rule, but beating a team twice in the same tournament is just plain difficult. And it gets especially harsh when the team you're playing seems to be one-tracked on a collision course with destiny.

In an interview last week at the Haliburton Curling Club, the Duhaime brothers, Walker and Nichol formed a curling consensus. When asked about their favorite Canadian curling foursome they all said they liked Kevin Martin and the boys from the Alberta foothills. And what they said they liked most about that prepossessing and highly successful world champion Martin rink was their innate and unwavering ability to hit, hit and hit. You get the idea.

Connor allowed that, given their druthers, the Red Hawk foursome preferred the hitting game. Keep it clean, play the percentages and leave an alley open to the button. Poignant and deadly.

And in the high heat, high stakes, high octane Gore Schoolboy Final match-up last Saturday afternoon at the High park Club, the Hal High Red Hawk foursome proved the efficacy of that strategy and rebounded to beat Sagan's foursome 5-2.

Indeed, the Hawks stole two in the first end and never looked back, limiting Sagan to two lonely singles and stealing when the opportunity arose.

And that left their proud and still beaming coach, Tom Dibblee smiling and walking somewhere high above the vaulted wooden rafters of the High Park Curling Emporium.

"It's so sweet and I am so happy for these guys," said Dibblee. Indeed, it's quite an accomplishment for this talented foursome, who boast a superb mix of young and old. Connor came back for a fifth year, Nichol the vice is graduating this year, while Walker and Owen will both be returning next year.

Indeed Owen was selected as the second best lead in the tour-



Champions Connor Duhaime, Curtis Nichol, Jesse Walker, Owen Duhaime and Coach Tom Dibblee

ney and we will be hearing more from both Walker and Owen in the coming years.

The team members took home the trophy, a banner and a set of team championship jackets. "They played really well and they earned it," said Dibblee.

However, in curling as in life, the beat goes on. And the hitting goes on and on and on this week for the Haliburton foursome as they continue on their free-wheeling quest for yet another elusive honor.

One down, and some work still to do apparently. The four boys from Haliburton are not quite done tilting at windmills. The rink is embroiled in the Kawartha playdowns this week. After that comes COSSA and after that, if all goes to plan, the OFSAA all-Ontario finals.

As Dibblee says, nothing in curling is written in stone (it's scratched in granite of course) but the Red Hawk juggernaut continues to hurry hard down a well swept path.

Last Tuesday, Feb 21, the Hawks defeated Norwood 9-3 in the first game of the playdowns being held in Fenelon Falls.

And last Monday afternoon in Fenelon they beat St. Peters 6-4. That moves them into an A-Side confrontation against Holy Cross Crusaders in Fenelon on Wednesday at noon. In a Gore Tourney zone playdown versus Holy Cross held last December the Duhaime foursome beat Holy Cross 7-3.

Another win against the Crusaders would assure them of a berth in the COSSA zones as two teams from Kawartha advance to the COSSA spiel.

The Red Hawk victory at the Gore sparked a huge buzz at the Haliburton Curling Club. Dibblee said he dropped by to put up a few pictures of the Hawks with their Gore Trophy. Dibblee added that the Gore banner will be on display until the end of the school year at the high school, and after that it will transfer to a permanent resting place at the Haliburton Curling Club. A gift from the boys.

Connor, Owen, Nichol and Walker all managed to have some supper last Monday before popping by the curling club for their regular game in the club's competitive Monday Night Curling League.

Stay tuned, there's still some sweeping left for these four guys. ■

Red Hawks Defeat Campbellford in Quarters

Off to Rocky Start in best of Three Semis versus TA Stewart

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Last Thursday, Mark Vasey played the game of his life.

Vasey scored three goals and added an assist in a 4-0 quarter final Kawartha zone play-down victory over Campbellford.

That victory in the sudden death match up set up a best of three semi-final series versus Peterborough's Thomas A Stewart Griffins last Monday.

And, on the boilerplate of the playoffs, the hot goalie is often blessed with the last word.

Thus it went last Monday at the Dysart Emporium.

A goalie named Kenton Lackey stood firmly in the way of the Red Hawk aspirations on Monday night.

The Red Hawks dropped a close 3-2 decision to the Thomas A Stewart Griffins before a nice crowd of Hal High faithful at the local arena. That douses the home ice advantage for the Red Hawks who will have to go to Peterborough on Thursday and earn a win at the Evinrude in order to get another crack at the Griffins in the third game of the series tentatively slated for Dysart next Monday.

Despite a laudable offensive performance, a dominance on both ends of the ice and a Little Big Horn mindset, the Red Hawks could not solve the Rubik's Cube that was Griffins goaltender Kenton Lackey.

"He stood on his head," are the words often attributed to a really solid goaltending performance.

That charming little sobriquet does not quite fill the bill for Mr. Lackey's stellar performance last Monday evening.

Lackey stood, spun, hung, and triple-lutzed his way to a goaltending masterpiece.

Down to him and him alone that the Griffins won last Monday.

Coach Gary Brohman left the dressing room after consoling his Red Hawk players and said to no one in particular. "Did we outplay them all night tonight?"

It was meant to be a rhetorical, but Brohman is after all the principal and everyone in the crowded corridor chimed in. "Yep; definitely; no argument there Mr. Brohman, sir."

And of course, we hear often about how teams played in losses. And knowing that, we should accept such swagger with the requisite grain of salt. But on this night it just happens to be true.

In every scrum and for three periods the Red Hawks dominated. In every facet of the game. They moved the puck, they stifled up ice passes and they played superb positional hockey. Despite outshooting the Griffins by a large 12-3 margin in the first, an early laser-lit, seeing-eye missile midway through the opening frame delivered by Griffin Justin Seabrook slid by the outstretched glove hand of Red Hawk goaltender Alex Monk-Cray.

The Griffins led 1-0 after one and the teams played a scoreless second frame.

And just when it appeared that the Hawks would never solve the conundrum called Lackey, the Red Hawks Ashton Hailey somehow managed to pop out of a goalmouth scrum and direct the puck behind Lackey's back.

That goal coming at 5:24 in the third seemed to infuse the Hawks with some new-found hope that this guy named lackey was human after all. Shortly after that ice-breaking goal, Ian Bottum took a pass from Vasey and scampered down the left wing. Bottum ripped a drive low and hard past Lackey and with less than five minutes remaining the Hawks led 2-1.

And then things got crowded in the vicinity of the sin bin.

With two Red Hawks players in the box, the league's leading scorer, Derek Manley connected on a ripped power play drive to tie it at two. A minute later with a Hawk player still serving a minor the Griffin's captain Mike Nelson sealed the deal with another power play goal.

In the vernacular this is known as dust in the wind. A loss snatched from the jaws of victory.

Coach Ron Yake was disappointed, but he said that the Hawks will just have to pack up the gear, punch the gas pedal on the team bus and move on to Peterborough and game two at the Rude on Thursday.

"Their goalie stole the show," said Yake. "It's playoff hockey and in the playoffs a hot goaltender can win a game."

He added that Lackey's strength is his glove hand. Knowing that, the Hawks did not help their cause by shooting high in the opening two frames.

"We've got to be tougher around the net and we've got to keep the puck low on this guy," said Yake. Indeed, Bottum's low driving goal late in the game proved the efficacy of that strategy and Yake said that they will be working on a plan to loosen up the Griffin's tight positional play in front of Lackey. And they will also be working on keeping the puck on the ice and on the net.

The Hawks will need a win in order to force a return for a third game, which is scheduled for Dysart next Monday (March 2) at 7:15 pm. ■

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La Nina Disappearing

The United Nations weather agency says that the La Niña ocean cooling in the tropical Pacific, partly responsible for recent Arctic blasts and blizzards in the Northern Hemisphere, is ending. The cyclical phenomenon also caused 2008 to be cooler than any other year so far this century, according to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Cool waters developed over the Pacific between South America and Asia in the third quarter of 2007, setting the stage for worldwide weather disruptions until it weakened in May 2008. But last December, the cooling intensified again before gradually weakening in January and early February. The WMO says La Niña should disappear sometime between March and May, but its lingering effects could cause further climate changes worldwide until later this year.

Penguin Peril

Pollution, climate change and overfishing are forcing penguins nesting off Argentina's southern coast to swim up to 300 miles in search for food, a distance researchers say threatens the colony's survival. Shifting ocean currents, which may have carried some of the birds as far north as Brazil's tropical beaches last year, are also responsible for a drop in the number of the penguins at the Punta Tombo animal preserve. The population has fallen from 300,000 breeding pairs 22 years ago to about 200,000 today, according to a University of Washington researcher. Dee Boersma says that that overfishing of the region's anchovies means the Magellanic penguins are swimming an additional 25 miles further to find food on average than they did just a decade ago.

Warming Migrations

Scientists say they have calculated that many fish species will be forced to swim toward the poles in order to escape the effects of a warming climate over the next several decades. Presenting his findings at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Chicago, researcher William Cheung said that Northern Hemisphere fish will migrate northward more than 25 miles per decade over the next 50 years in response to the warming. He told the gathering that while fishermen in the tropics will see a reduction in their catches over that period, those in Alaska, Greenland and the Nordic nations will benefit from more fish. He predicts that some cold-water species could die off because there will be no colder waters for them to escape the warming. A team led by University of Alaska researcher Rolf Gradinger has found evidence that at least three species have already extended their range northward by up to 300 miles.

Tropical Cyclones

An area of disturbed weather from around the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu consolidated into Cyclone Innis just before reaching New Caledonia. Only a small area near the center of circulation received tropical storm-force winds, and the main effect of Innis' passage over the French overseas territory was widespread beneficial rain.

Earthquakes

Much of western Turkey was jolted by a 4.9 magnitude quake that caused the death of one woman and tossed furniture around homes. Cracks appeared in some walls near the epicenter town of Simav.

• Earth movements were also felt in southwestern Greece, northern Japan, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, New Jersey and south central Alaska.

Andean Eruption

Approximately 8,000 Colombians living near the slopes of a rumbling volcano along the border with Ecuador were ordered to evacuate their homes. A "red alert" was issued for Galeras volcano by the Colombian Institute of Geology and Mine due to a large amount of ash from the mountain falling on the nearby regional capital of Pasto. There have so far been no reports of any injuries or significant damage due to the volcano's rumblings and ash plumes.

Songbird Express

Biologists say they have been able for the first time to track individual songbirds from their North American breeding grounds to where they spend the winter in Latin America, and back again. And what they discovered by analyzing data from tiny light sensors attached to the backs of some of the birds "flabbergasted" the researchers. "The flight times were amazing," said Bridge Stutchbury, a biologist at York University in Toronto, who led the study. "We had a purple martin that overwintered near the Amazon River in Brazil, and it flew back to its breeding colony in the northern U.S. in only 13 days. This is incredible. I have no idea that songbirds could go this fast." Stutchbury said the ability of some migrating birds to fly more than 300 miles per day was totally unexpected.

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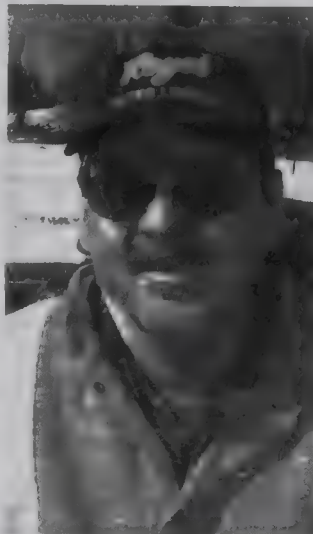
We asked people, "Are you going to vote on March 5th in the by election? Do you know who you're going to vote for? Do you think that it will be a close race or will someone win a landslide victory?"



Bruce Armstrong, Haliburton – "Yes I'm ready. It's been hard to tell who all the candidates are and what they stand for because of the set-up. But from what I've been hearing, I think it'll be a close race. I can't see it being a walk-away win for anyone."



Doug Palmer, Haliburton – "Yes I will vote and I know who I'll be voting for. I think it will be a closer race than the last time when Laurie won it. I think that some of her votes will slip away, but not enough to spoil a victory for Tory."



Lorne Patterson, Eagle Lake – "Yes, I know who I'm going to vote for. When the Laurie Scott thing happened, I didn't think it was right for a guy who didn't win in his own riding to step in. He just wants a seat at Queens Park. I don't think there's going to be a landslide win, I think it'll be close."



Shawn Locke, Haliburton – "When the Laurie Scott situation happened I had to review what I was going to do. I wasn't all too happy about that whole thing. I think that it shook things up a bit. I'm not big into politics but I've made my decision."

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Horoscopes
It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a generous, giving person who is always ready, willing and more than able to help others in need.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Take time from your busy schedule to check out what's going on around you. You might find that someone has been secretly trying to pull the wool over those beautiful Sheep's eyes.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Once again, the Bovine's boldness pays off in uncovering the source of a disturbing workplace situation. Your personal life calls for patience, as a certain matter plays itself out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Forget about going all out to impress someone in your personal life. Just being yourself is all that matters. A workplace decision will need more time. Don't rush into it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some supersensitive Crabs might take offense at what they perceive as a slight. But a closer look points to a simple misunderstanding. The weekend holds a welcome surprise.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Sure, you can roar your head off over someone's failure to keep a promise. But the wiser course would be to ask why it happened. Be prepared for an answer that might well surprise you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A developing relationship needs time to find its direction. So please be patient and resist pushing things along. A recently cooled-down workplace situation could heat up again.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Congratulations. Your well-thought-out proposal seems to be working. Someone who hasn't agreed with you on most things in the past could turn out to be one of your major supporters.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things seem to be going well. However, you can still expect criticism -- some of it pretty heavy. But as long as you can back up your position, you'll be able to rise above it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Getting together with people who care for you is a great way to get that ego boost you might feel you need at this time. Things start to look brighter by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You should be able to continue with your plans once you get past those temporary delays. Surprise, surprise. An offer to help comes from a most unlikely source.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing your tasks is important this week because of all those demands you have to deal with. The pressure eases in time for you to enjoy the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Save your energy and stay focused on what has to be done, despite all those distractions you're likely to face. You should see some evidence of real progress by week's end.



DEAR ABBY: I recently graduated from college, but aside from that, I can't seem to finish anything I start. I am a creative and talented designer, but because I no longer have deadlines, I don't see any of my projects through to completion.

I have tried giving myself personal deadlines to no avail, because I know there will be no consequences. Then I become angry and frustrated with myself, and the piles of uncompleted work get larger and larger. It seems like I am easily bored or stressed -- that's when I stop working. I long for a sense of accomplishment and pride in my abilities. Could I have a disorder? -- **NEEDS HELP FINISHING TH**

DEAR NEEDS HELP: Not unless being disorganized and not a self-starter is a disorder. Your inability to abide by personal deadlines will have serious "consequences" if you plan to have a career in design, because if you can't complete a project, you will have nothing to show potential clients. If you have nothing to show, you reduce the chances of being hired. So stop the self-indulgence and get moving!

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my husband and I had beautiful wood floors installed in our home. My problem is my two sons, ages 20 and 21, who constantly track dirt through the house. I have asked many times that they please wipe their feet or remove their shoes. They do it only if I am in the living room and can see them when they walk in.

I would like to tack a sign on the front door that says, "Wipe your feet or remove your shoes before entering." My husband thinks it would be rude, but he's not the one who has to constantly clean the floor.

Would it be rude to put up a sign? Or must I just continue to sweep and mop daily? -- **TIRED OF MOPPING IN DENHAM SPRINGS, LA.**

DEAR TIRED OF MOPPING: If your sons are the only offenders, hanging a sign should not be necessary. In your absence your husband should enforce the rules. And if he, doesn't, then HE should do the mopping.

High School Round-Up
Four Skiers Advance to COSSA

Maddie Ferracuti won gold and Claire Flatman took silver in the COSSA senior girls cross country championships held last week at Glebe Park.

Cody Pringle racing in the novice category placed first in her event. Cross-country coach Sharon Dibblee said that the Hawks will be taking four skiers to the OFSAA championships in Midland this week.

Daniel Wright earned silver in the senior boys. Josh Wright placed fourth in the junior boys category. Scott Henwood placed sixth in the senior boys category. Connor Duhaime was unable to race in the COSSA event because of a prior commitment with curling.

Girls Hockey

The girls' hockey team had an exciting game in Gravenhurst. Although they lost, the highlight was Samantha Tallman scoring a beautiful goal.

Wrestling

The wrestling team competed at the Kawartha Wrestling championships. A total of 14 Red Hawks placed in the top four of their weight classes to advance to next week's COSSA championships. This year's Kawartha champions are Christianna Walker, Justin Bain, and Mike Mazara.

Basketball

The Junior Boys' Redhawk basketball team competed in the Kawartha Semi-Final against the strong Cobourg West Vikings. Despite an early lead, the team were defeated by a score of 45-31.

Highlands East
Medical Centre
Advisory
Committee
Formed

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The names that Rogers put forward as members of the committee included herself and Simiana, as well as Alana Coles, Wayne Rutter and Howard Anderson.

Rogers said, "We want to promote the building and improve communications within the community about the activities and services being offered for people to take advantage of. We'd also like to work on helping to maintain the centre."

Rogers, who had visited the medical centre and spoken with members of the health team, had a list of work that the doctors felt was needed to bring the building up to a more acceptable level. According to Rogers, one of the doctors will not return to the medical centre until the work is completed.

"We don't think (the work) that's needed will be too hard to tackle. There's some painting to do and tiles to be replaced in the kitchen," said Rogers.

Simiana said that the waiting room rug needed cleaning and the walls needed a wipe down. She said some savings could be made by cleaning some of the walls, but that the offices and hallway did need a coat of paint. She said, "It's mostly a cosmetic freshen up. The carpet is bad in the offices, but we don't expect that to be replaced at this time." Other improvements included repairs/replacement of doors and windows, which municipal staff is working on.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge suggested that at some point the rugs should be torn out and replaced with tiles or linoleum. Rogers said she would confer with the doctors to see what would be preferred.

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie questioned whether other groups using the facility paid the doctors rent. He voiced concern that they were making revenue when the building was provided to them at no cost. Rogers clarified that the doctors were paying a minimal fee (\$160 per month) for the building. She suggested that if the building was fixed up a bit, Council could then consider increasing the fee. She said, "This was raised in the past and they didn't seem adverse to an increase in cost."

Mackie was concerned that it cost the Municipality \$24,000 to maintain the building for so little compensation in return and said, "They're certainly getting (the best) bang for their buck. It's a lot of money for only \$2,000 a year in return." When Mackie questioned the fairness of the entire community covering the cost, Rogers responded that the community was receiving a lot of services that they would not usually receive.

Simiana said, "We don't get any complaints from others in the community. They welcome the building and services being there."

Rogers said, "I would hesitate to broach the subject as the doctors are still offended by Council's approach." She said that there are two doctors waiting to come back, but one doctor who made monthly visits will not be returning.

Rogers then asked, "Do you or don't you want this committee? We want to promote the services and are prepared to help with the building."

She went on to say that the building could be made more energy efficient and accessibility improved with a railing on the ramp but added that the committee members would do everything they could to try to make the building more attractive.

Simiana said that she would try to get a contribution from the community police who share the building. Rogers added that the committee was willing to provide financial assistance through fund raising events like their maple syrup festival which should assist in additional renovations.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said, "We need all the help we can get and any committee of that nature could only be of benefit to the community regardless of the location of the medical centre."

Council added Gary Stoughton's name to the Committee members as a liaison to Council and passed a resolution of- ficially establishing both the Committee and its members. ■

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"To be honest, we found your acting to be a bit wooden. How soon can you start rehearsals?"

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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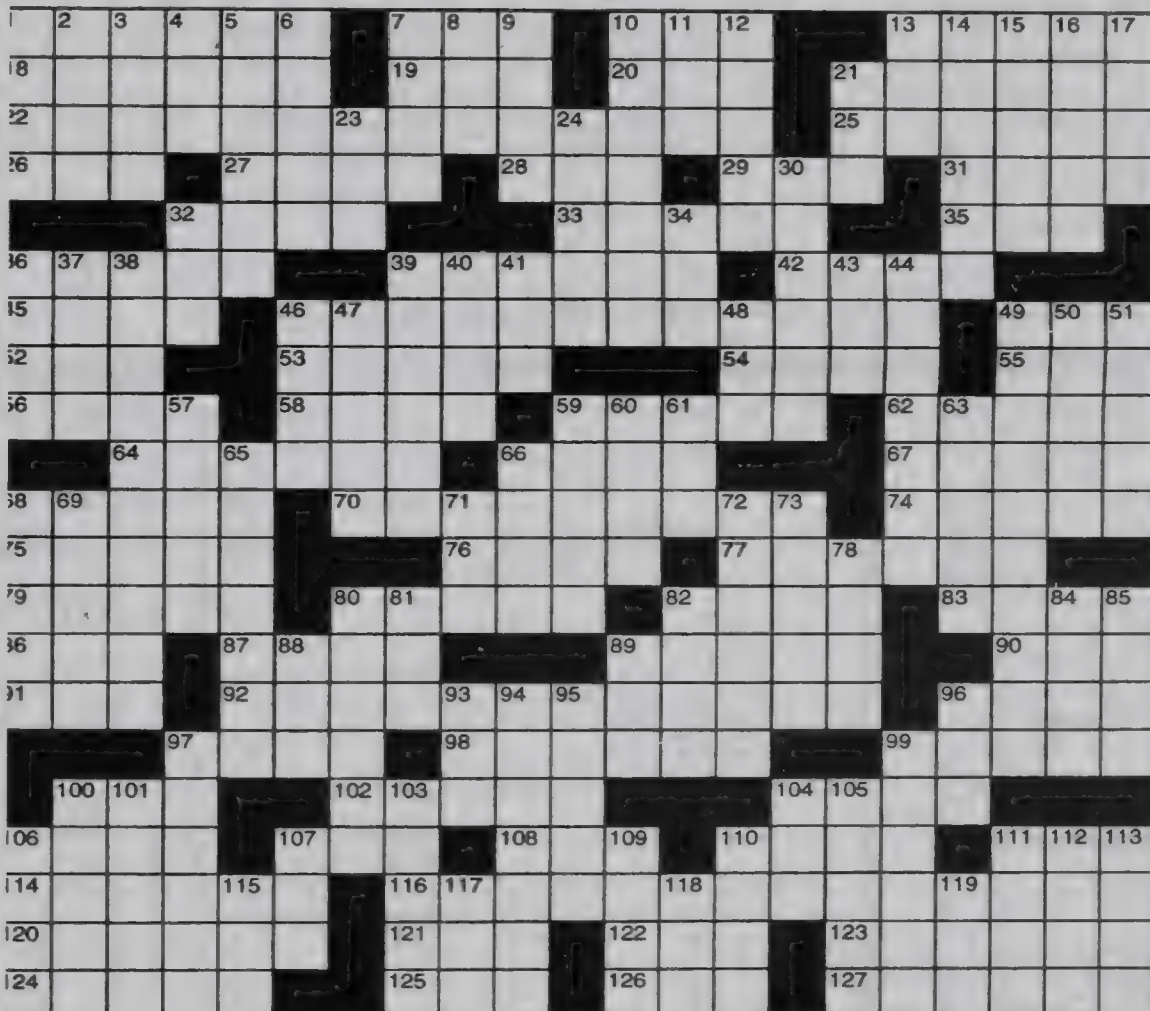
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7 Mr. Ziegfeld
10 Bread spread
13 Actress Laurie
18 Conductor Toscanini
19 Word with corn or snake
20 Mr. Baba
21 Scavullo's equipment
22 Elizabeth Taylor movie
25 Hudson River city
26 Day—
27 Rock's—Floyd
28 "Holy cow!"
29 Use the microwave
31 "Topaz" author
32 Gab
33 Football's Matson
35 Pupil's place
36 Energetic
39 '64 Hitchcock film
42 Way
45 Steber solo
46 English racer
49 Arkansas hrs.
- 52 West's "Diamond"
53 Presses
54 Help in a heist
55 Cry of discovery
56 Blend
58 —chef
59 "Die Fledermaus" maid
62 Word form for "bone"
64 Fancy
66 Sailing
67 "Wait—Dark" ('67 film)
68 Comic Mandel
70 Bribe-to-be
74 Recesses
75 Pays to play
76 Manuscript imperative
77 Peter's partner
79 Smallest
80 Fiery felony
82 Atmosphere
83 Ridicule
86 Bisoglio or Kilmer
87 Perry's creator
89 —, you'll like it!
90 Laudatory verse
91 Wapiti
92 Jason's quest
- 96 "Uptown Girl" singer
97 Screenwriter James
98 Big-billed bird
99 Power a trike
100 On the — (fleeing)
102 Composer Telemann
104 Moira Shearer, for one
106 Mrs. Zeus
107 Sniggler's quarry
108 Humor
110 Actress Arlene
111 Salon request
114 Hammed up "Hamlet"
116 Some boxers
120 Helen Hunt Jackson novel
121 Unwell
122 Hosp. area
123 Layers
124 Musty
125 Relative of -ist
126 — de plume
127 Tailor's apparatus
- DOWN**
- 1 Din from dynamite
2 Articulated
- 3 Director Preminger
4 "— generic"
5 Award
6 Sanchez or Braga
7 — dance
8 Actress Ullmann
9 First name in fashion
10 Field event
11 Flagon filler
12 Actress Gaynor
13 Crony
14 Permeated
15 Pole star?
16 Banks of baseball
17 Sunshine, slangily
21 Mushroom part
23 Farm animal
24 Tea of "Deep Impact"
30 Certain bacterium
32 Numbers man?
34 Part of a triangle
36 Reading matter?
37 Part of HOMES
38 Doris Day movie
39 Writer de Cervantes
- 40 Olympic hawk
41 "Kidnapped" monogram
43 Sugary suffix
44 Flabbergast
46 Iranian city
47 Moves like a Morgan
48 — de mer
49 Certain poplar
50 Arabian chieftain
51 Hoes and hammers
57 Produces prunes
59 Wan
60 Adroit
61 — Claire, WI
63 A nose that shows
65 IRA, e.g.
66 Concerning
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In Loving Memory of

Dale Clifford McKNIGHT



Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on
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Dear son of Norma and her husband Joe Maguire and the
late Harry McKnight and brother of Everett and his wife Ruth,
Norm and his wife Marion. Loving grandpa of Christina,
Stephanie, Jason, Joshua, and Christopher. Fondly
remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk
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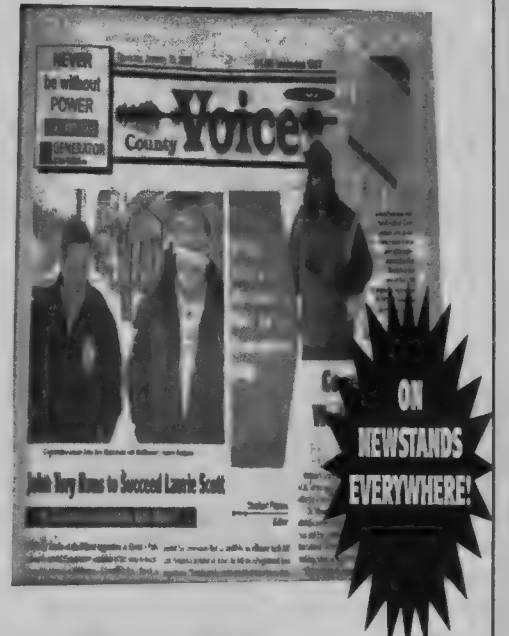
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Answer _____
3. Who wrote a book titled "David Copperfield"?
Answer _____

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5. What part of the Statue of Liberty is not coated in copper?
Answer _____
6. What is added to copper to make brass?
Answer _____

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7. Copper is a ductile metal. What does that mean?
Answer _____
8. During the Roman era, copper was principally mined on this island.
Answer _____
9. What is added to copper to make bronze?
Answer _____

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Minden Council Approves New Location for Rotary Carnival

"The proof will be in the pudding." (Rick Cox)

Minden's Rotary Carnival is moving downtown. The club's wish to relocate the carnival and have the rides sited in the municipal parking lot has been approved. Concerns about the possibility of damage to the asphalt and retaining sufficient parking for emergency personnel have been addressed and everyone, including the club, municipal officials and downtown businesses are hoping that the move will prove to be a real boon for the community.

When the proposal to relocate the carnival was put to Council in December, a number of issues were raised. In a written response to Council's concerns, Rotary Club President Joanna Penfold provided clarification and assurances. Penfold indicated that the rides themselves are not secured in a way that could cause any damage to the asphalt in the parking lot. Rides will be set up starting early on Tuesday, July 28th and will be taken down by Thursday morning at the latest to cause the least amount of disruption.

Parking in the downtown core and in the municipal parking lot was also raised as an issue and the Rotary Club has reached an agreement with Homeniuk Rides to reserve a space that will accommodate 20 vehicles for emergency personnel. Discussions have also taken place with a number of downtown businesses to arrange for parking for municipal personnel while the parking lot is otherwise occupied.

Penfold said that parking at the community centre would be another option and those who chose to walk for the two day period would be rewarded with coffee vouchers or names included in special draws. In addition the club will have a designated shuttle for employees for arrival and departure from work.

As to the general public, the club is looking into the possibility of having a horse and wagon as a shuttle between the community centre parking lot and downtown on Wednesday afternoon and evening. There will be a tractor and baling wagon which, according to Penfold, will lend a unique flavour to the event.

Penfold highlighted the fact that this move of venue will create considerable potential, not just for the Rotary Club, but for the business community as well. It will also promote the sesquicentennial theme and go a long way toward supporting family activities in the Village Green.

In response to a question whether staff was on side with the move, Director of Community Services Rick Cox advised that a consensus had been reached at a management meeting that outstanding issues were adequately addressed. He said, "The proof will be in the pudding."

Cox said that some concern had been raised about noise from the midway, but added that the noise by-law should address this. He suggested some positive public relations work on the part of the Rotary members would go a long way to reducing concerns.

"Overall, the management team expect that moving the event downtown will be a benefit to everyone concerned," said Cox. He also said that from a healthy active living perspective, the location should encourage residents to share vehicles, cycle and walk during the event.

Councillor Bill Obee commented that the merchants are completely on side and he could see nothing but positives coming out of the move. Councillor Barbara Reid said it was a terrific initiative and she was glad that concerns had been resolved. Councillor Lisa Schell was still a bit uncomfortable about the location, but agreed that if staff were OK with the event, she was as well.

Councillor Rick Ratcliffe said, "This is a bit of an experiment for us but Rotary's concept is to give back to the community and reviving the carnival will do that, so I'm on board." Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch agreed that it would be a boost for the downtown area, but recommended an evaluation after the event. ■

Minden Library Donation



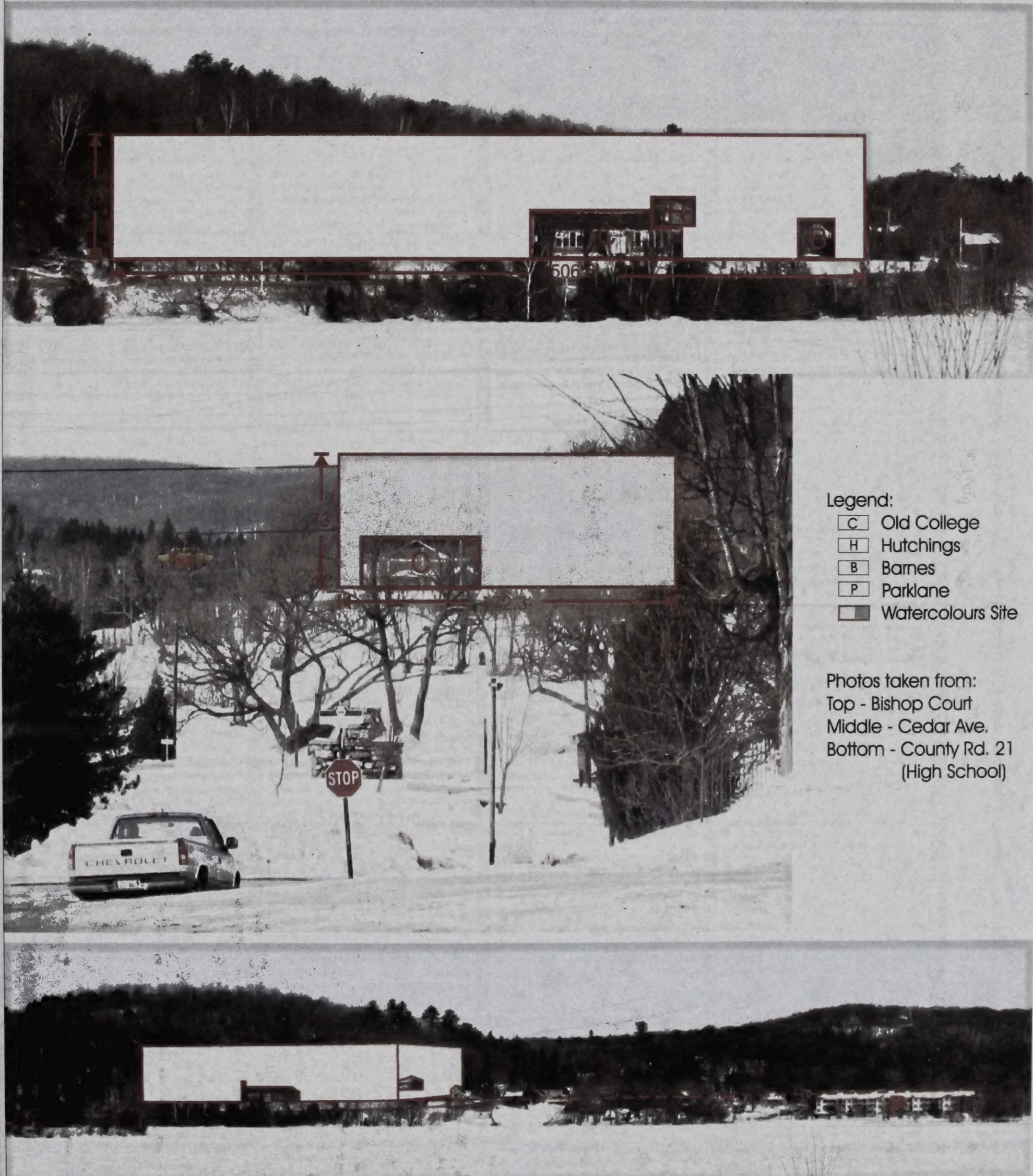
The Minden Hills Library Advisory Committee gathered with CIBC representatives to accept a \$2500.00 donation. The funds will go towards furnishing Minden's new library.



From left to right: Jim Fox, Library Committee, Jim Malcomson, Library Committee, Graham Knight, District General Manager CIBC, Marbeth McClenaghan, Financial advisor, CIBC, Shawn Currie, Manager, Minden Branch, CIBC, Elly Malcomson, Chair, Library Committee, Diane Peacock, Minden Hills Library Supervisor, Michelle St. Pierre, Library Committee, Cheryl Murdoch, Deputy Reeve

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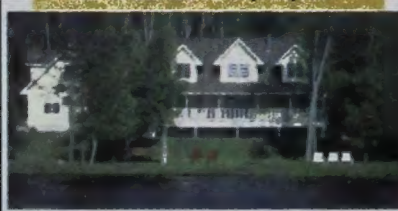
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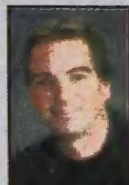
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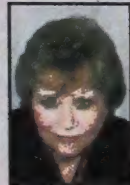
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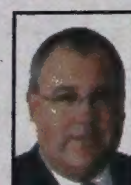
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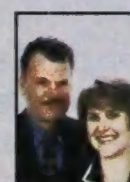
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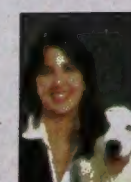
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